

## WHAT TIME IS CHRISTMAS?

Luke 2:1-15

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Luke 2:1-15 (NIV2011) “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a Child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the Baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah (Christ), the LORD. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.’ <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the LORD has told us about.’”

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV2011) “When the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the Law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

### 1. Christmas Is *The Time...* To \_\_\_\_\_ *Our Fears.*

Luke 2:9-10 (NIV2011) “An angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid.’”

### 2. Christmas Is *The Time...* To \_\_\_\_\_ *Our Faith.*

Luke 2:10 (NIV2011) “The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.’”

### 3. Christmas Is *The Time...* To \_\_\_\_\_ *Forgiveness.*

Luke 2:11 (NIV2011) “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, (Christ) the LORD.”

John 3:16-17 (NIV2011) “God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

### 4. Christmas Is *The Time...* To \_\_\_\_\_ *Relationships.*

Luke 2:14 (NIV2011) The angels said... “Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”

1John 1:7 (NIV2011) “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”

Hosea 10:12 (NLT) “Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of My love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD...”