

THE GREATEST GIFT
Part 2: A Gift Worth Waiting For
Luke 2:1-7

Do you ever question God's timing?

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT GOD'S TIMING:

1. THERE'S A _____

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...” “...He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of man; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

- Have you ever tried to put a 5,000 piece puzzle together without looking at the picture on the outside of the box?
- God knows the end picture. We need to trust Him!

2. SOMETIMES THE _____

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born” - Luke 2:6

- Mary and Joseph were not married yet; they were only engaged
- Joseph was not ready to take Mary home as his wife
- An unexpected census has disrupted all their plans
- Mary and Joseph had no income on the road
- Mary and Joseph are outsiders in Bethlehem
- There were only inadequate facilities available

3. GOD IS ALWAYS _____

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son.” – Galatians 4:4

- The spreading out of the Jewish people in the Mediterranean basin
- There was a favorable legal environment when Jesus was born
- There was a favorable political climate
- There was a favorable cultural climate
- There was a favorable philosophical climate

**HAVE YOU LEARNED TO
TRUST GOD'S TIMING?**