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The Birth of Hope

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I. Jesus came **at the right time.**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son . . . Galatians 4:4a

God prepared the people:

A. **Religiously** by **moving the prophets**

How would we know mother and child?

1. Descendant **of David**

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it . . . Isaiah 9:7a

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2. Born of a **virgin**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" Luke 1:34

3. Born **in Bethlehem**

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2

4. Given **gifts and worshipped**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! Psalm 72:10-11

5. Lived **in Galilee**

. . . but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Isaiah 9:1b-2

B. **Politically** by **moving nations**

God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Ephesians 1:9-10 (NLT)

II. Jesus came **through the right person.**

. . . born of woman, born under the law, Galatians 4:4b

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:22-23

Mary:

A. **Pleased God.**

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" . . . And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Luke 1:28, 30

B. **Was obedient.**

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38

C. **Had great faith.**

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Luke 1:45

III. Jesus came **with the right hope.**

to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:5

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

God's Timing Is Perfect!