

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 16, 2018**

**“Perfect Timing”**  
**Galatians 4:4-5 & Luke 1-2**  
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Most of us have heard the story of Jesus’ birth so many times that it’s hard to imagine it happening any other way. Read through Luke’s account slowly, as if for the first time, noting the people, places, and timing. If you had been there, what would have especially surprised you, or would you have found hard to believe?

Can you think of situations in your own life which seemed ill-timed when you were experiencing them, but, in retrospect, you can see God’s plan?

How does Galatians 4:4-5 inform us of why Jesus’ coming is indeed “good news of great joy” (Luke 2:11) – even if one’s life is full of pain and difficulty?