

Topic: JIT – Just in Time!

Gal 4:4 - 7 (NASB)

⁴But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

⁵so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

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But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

NLT

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

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When the time came to completion, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

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But when the appropriate time had come, God sent his Son, born by a woman, born under the Law,

Who came? - Jesus

John 17:5 (ESV) ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Gen 3:15 (NLT) – 6000+ years before Jesus birth

¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Isa 9:6 (NASB) - 700 years before His birth

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 1:31 - 33 (NASB) – Approx. 1 year

³¹“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

³²“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

³³and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Heb 1:2 - 3 (ESV) ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

When did He come?

The expression the fullness of the time (Gal. 4:4) refers to that time when the world was providentially ready for the birth of the Savior.

Historians tell us that:

- The Roman world was in great expectation, waiting for a Deliverer, at the time when Jesus was born.
- The old religions were dying; the old philosophies were empty and powerless to change men's lives.
- Strange new mystery religions were invading the empire.
- Religious bankruptcy and spiritual hunger were everywhere.

God was preparing the world for the arrival of His Son.

The Roman Empire helped prepare the world for the birth of the Savior:

- Roads connected city with city, and all cities ultimately with Rome.
- Roman laws protected the rights of citizens.
- Roman soldiers guarded the peace.
- Thanks to both the Greek and Roman conquests, Latin and Greek were known across the empire.

How did He come?

Paul is careful to point out the dual nature of Jesus Christ (Gal. 4:4):

- That He is both God and man.
- As God, Jesus "came forth" (John 16:28);
- But as man, He was "made of a woman."
- The ancient promise said that the Redeemer would be of "the woman's seed" (Gen. 3:15); and
- Jesus fulfilled that promise (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25).

Where did He arrive?

*Christ's birth at Bethlehem was not an *accident*; it was an *appointment*!*

Why did He come?

“To redeem them that were under the Law” (Gal. 4:5).

- *Redeem* means “to set free by paying a price.”
- A man could purchase a slave in any Roman city (there were about 60 million slaves in the empire), either to keep the slave for himself or to set him free.
- Jesus came to set us free. He did not purchase us to make us slaves, but *sons!*

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Jesus came in “the fullness of the time.”

*And, it is worth noting, that **when the time is ready**, He will come again!*

Matt 24:42 (ESV)

⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.