

"IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

The Fullness of Time—Part 1

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Text: Luke 2:1-5

THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF JESUS' BIRTH

Luke 2:1a (Emp. Added) - "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from **Caesar Augustus**. . ."

Luke 2:1b (Emp. Added) - "...that all the world should be **taxed**."

Luke 2:2 (Emp. Added) - "And this taxing was first made when **Cyrenius** was governor of Syria."

Luke 2:3 (Emp. Added) - "And all went to be taxed, every one into his **own city**."

Luke 2:4-5 (Emp. Added) - "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

THREE CRUCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

1. Jesus Christ is a _____ .

Reference: Luke 1:1-3

2. Jesus was born at _____ in history.

Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV) – “But when THE FULLNESS OF TIME had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

It was BIBLICALLY correct.

It was HISTORICALLY correct.

3. The birth of God’s Son is the _____ .

FAMILY FOCUS:

1. Why do you think God chose to focus on a humble couple from Nazareth rather than the powerful figures of the time like Caesar Augustus or Quirinius?
2. Reflect on Galatians 4:4. What does “the fullness of time” mean to you, and how does it affect your understanding of God’s timing?
3. What practical steps can you take to keep Jesus at the center of your heart and daily life?