

**BEFORE  
THE MANGER**

**LUKE 2:1-7**

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**1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.**

**2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)**

**3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.**

**4 And 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:)**

**5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.**

## **Luke 2:1-7 - continued**

**6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.**

**7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**

# **God Is Always In Control**

## **Proverbs 16:33**

**The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.**

## **Ephesians 1:11**

**In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

## **Romans 8:28**

**And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

# I. The Time Was “Wrong”

**A. Not convenient**

**B. Not conducive**



## II. The Trip Was Long

A. Physical obstacles

B. Political obstacles

C. Perceived obstacles



# III. The Trial Prolonged

## A. Not what he wanted



### **III. The Trial Prolonged**

**A. Not what he wanted**

**B. Not where he wanted**





## **IV. Trust That Triumphs**

**A. You will go where God wants you to go**

**B. You will do what God wants you to do**

**C. You will be who God wants you to be**



## IV. Trust That Triumphs

### Galatians 4:4-5

**4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,  
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**



**Are You Ready?**