





Luke 2:1-7

- 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.

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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"

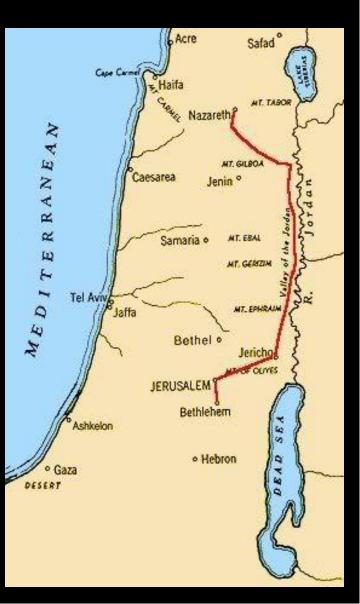
A. Not convenient

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?