

RIGHT ON TIME

Galatians 4:4-5

“But when the time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

Are you one of those people, who despite starting early, arrive late? All seats full, you take one all the way in the back—or embarrassingly—plop yourself into a newly unfolded chair reserved for late-comers. Something always redirects your progress towards the target. But here’s good news: God is always right on time.

While waiting—what seems like forever—to receive God’s answer, direction, or blessing, we learn patience. Our wait is always worthwhile after receiving His promise. Often we don’t understand what takes so long to orchestrate perfection. Consider what roads had to be plowed before the Father presented us our long-awaited Messiah:

Jesus arrived during the Roman Empire’s Pax Romana (peace of Rome). The known world was united in speaking one language. Commerce was vigorous. Global trade network routes provided open access throughout every country. This guaranteed rapid spread of Christ’s Gospel of Good News.

No one had to show “papers”. There were no protected locked borders. The entire world was open access for unhindered travel. Christ’s crucifixion—that fulfilled prophecy of a lamb sacrificed for our sins—could spread unrestricted to everyone (Isaiah 53). Jesus became the new covenant from the Father that whoever believed in His Son would have eternal life (John 3:16).

Jesus changed everything. Jesus came to us right on time—and just in time!

Just in time for Matthew, the tax collector who became a disciple. Just in time for Peter, James, and John, who followed Jesus closely enough to be famous 2,000+ years later. Even after His crucifixion and ascension, Jesus came just in time to educate Paul—who became His apostle

after having persecuted Christians. (Acts 7:34-58, 9:1-19). Just in time for you and me, who cling to our belief in Him, Who intercedes for us every day (Romans 8:26-27, Hebrews 7:25, 8:1).

Take Home Nugget

Our Lord knows what's best for us. He longs to meet every need, and delight us with good things. Between the time of praying for relief, or desired blessing, and the time it arrives, we've got an assignment. Never doubt, but remain in His Word, faithful, even as He is faithful.

We're never forgotten. God will show up right on time, and we'll be amazed at His brilliant timing.

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*Not ours to know the reason why
Unanswered is our prayer;
But ours to wait for God's own time
To lift the cross we bear.*

Anonymous