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December 2009 – Florence
Happy Christmas!

Hi there! This is the time of year when many people throughout the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Listen to how that event is recorded in Luke 2:8-14 of the New Century Version.

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and they became very frightened. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people. Today your Saviour was born in the town of David. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box.” Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel, praising God and saying: “Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God.” Happy Christmas from Florence MacKenzie at Equipped for Living.

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God's timing

Hi, this is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living, and I was recently thinking about the issue of timing. I mean God's timing. The introduction to the Christmas story in Luke's Gospel tells us that “in those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.” (Luke 2:1, NIV). Why just then? Why not a year earlier or a year later? I suppose Caesar had his own reasons for doing it then, but what he didn't know was that there was a pregnant girl from Nazareth called Mary engaged to a man called Joseph, a descendent of David and that the child she was carrying was the Christ, the Saviour of the world. What Caesar also didn't know was that the Christ had to be born in Bethlehem and his census was the reason that Joseph and Mary would temporarily relocate from Nazareth to Bethlehem where the baby was born the very night they arrived! Caesar didn't know he was part of God's plan but it all happened right on God's schedule! As we come to the end of this year and look forward to a new one, *whatever happens*, if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, God's timing is perfect!

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