

# Right On Time

*“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born...”*

*Luke 2:6 (NIV)*

*“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”*

*Romans 5:6 (NIV)*

A personal habit I have cultivated over the years is to seek to be early for all of my appointments. This way of keeping my commitments has earned me the reputation for being “right on time”.

Occasionally I am still late for an appointment, but giving myself an extra few minutes to arrive at the destination has kept me on time for most. Only an accident or poor driving conditions have ever kept me late.

As our Scripture verses today tell us the coming of Jesus was right on time. Because the exact time of Advent was determined by God, nothing – or anyone – would cause Christmas to be late.

One of the reasons we may trust the Lord is the fact that He is totally dependable. He always keeps His word. As we have said in a previous devotional about the Lord – “A promise made is a promise kept”.

We know that December 25 was not the exact day on which our Lord was born. The fact that the shepherds were out in the fields attending their sheep suggests to us it was spring time. Spring is the time when the ewes give birth to their lambs. That is when the shepherds are especially attentive to the sheep.

Knowing the exact day of our Lord’s birth is irrelevant. What is important is the fact that Jesus came right on time – according to the

timetable of God.

As Jesus came on time the first time, we can trust Him to come at the appointed hour the second time. So today as we mark Advent once more, let us take heart that all the promises of the second coming will also be fulfilled right on time.

God is worthy of our trust and we urge all of our readers to prepare for meeting our Lord on His return or when we pass off this earthly scene. His invitation for the weary to come and find rest in Him is as trustworthy as when he first said it.

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