

Jesus ~ the Bridge in Time

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

[Re-worded: ... whose existence is from eternity.] Micah 5:2

Jesus is so amazing!

- Lived on earth _____ years
- In the public eye only _____ years
- History is measured by the approximate time of His birth.
(Actually 5-4 B.C.)

From Roman influence Gregorian Time

B.C. = Before Christ

A.D. = Anno Domini — “Year of _____ Lord”

Same point in time — just less Christian sounding

B.C.E. = Before Common Era

C.E. = Common Era

Why is it that Jesus is so *significant* in all of history that He's the Bridge in time?

He is the image of the invisible God, ...

For by Him all things were created: ...

All things were created by Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

And He is the head of the body, the church; ...

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him,

Colossians 1:15-19

If we begin to comprehend the full impact of Jesus coming for us, we will have _____.

Time is bridged because God ...

[Scriptures: Underline added]

has a **P** _____ (Details)

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'" Matthew 25:34

No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began." 1 Corinthians 2:7

and a **P** _____ (Destiny)

but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:9-10

Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Hebrews 9:26

bound together with **P** _____ (Dependable)

So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world." Matthew 13:35

a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time," Titus 1:2

Optional Reading: Grasp the Eternal Kingdom * key verse (14 chapters)

Psalm 89³⁶ 114² 103¹⁹ 145¹³ **Matthew** 6³³ 21⁴³ 25³⁴
Luke 1³³ 12³¹ **1 Thess.** 2¹² **2 Thess.** 1⁵
2 Tim. 4^{1, 8 & 18} **Hebrews** 1⁸ **2 Peter** 1¹¹