

Sermon Series: The God-Man
Sermon Title: Jesus – In Time and Outside of Time
Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Vs. 1 – **“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”**

What does this mean... and what does it not mean?

- It doesn't mean that there is time, and a season, to **do everything!**
- It means that for everything in our lives, there is a time & a season **for it!**

This is true for each one of us, even Jesus Himself! There is...

Vs. 2 – **“a time to be born & a time to die; a time to plant & a time to uproot.”**

- In my life - _____
- In the life of Jesus - Birth- 1AD... Death- 33AD... Bethlehem/Egypt/ Nazareth

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- In my life - _____
- In the life of Jesus - the fig tree... miracles... money changes... a Kingdom

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Jesus experienced all these things in the flesh! **One evidence of being human, is to be a person who exists in time!** Jesus met that requirement!

But Jesus is more than just a person in time, He also exists outside of time! Let me share a couple Scriptures that reveal this truth:

- 1) **John 1:1-4, 14** – Jesus is the eternal “Word”, that was with God in the beginning... before space & time even **existed!**
- 2) **1 Peter 1:19-20** – Jesus was known as the lamb to be slain before the foundation of the world. **Jesus’ purpose was ordained before time!**
- 3) **Revelation 1:8; 22:13** – Jesus is the ever existing One! Not only is He present at the beginning and the end, **He is the beginning & the end!**

Jesus existed in time, and yet He is not bound by it! Why does that matter?

- **Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection was more than just a historical event, it is the very focal point of all of history!** Our very dating system, the way we record time itself, declares the significance of Jesus’ earthly life!
- Jesus’ life is so much more than just a grain of sand on the timeline of history! He exists in infinity (past & future), so no matter where we exist on the timeline, God is with us in Christ (in His divinity)!
- Since Jesus is outside of time, He not only exists at all times but **He’s also active, accomplishing His redemptive purposes, at every point in time!**

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