

CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

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CHRISTMAS – THE REASON FOR SEASON: GIFTS

THE FACT & THE CLICHÉ: JESUS, THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

THE MIRACLES IN THE STORY

1. TIMING
2. YAHWEH ARRANGED THE ARRANGEMENT
 - ✠ JOSEPH & MARY
 - ✠ NAZARETH
 - ✠ JOSEPH FROM BETHLEHEM
 - ✠ CAESAR AUGUSTUS' CENSUS
3. BETROTHED (WAS A BIGGER DEAL THAN THE WEDDING)
4. AN ANGEL VISITS
5. MARY IS PREGNANT – JOSEPH GRACEFULLY BOWS OUT
6. AN ANGEL INVADES A DREAM
7. JOSEPH CHANGES HIS MIND – BACK TO PLAN A.2
8. PREGNANT MARY VISITS PREGNANT (AGED) RELATIVE – ELIZABETH
THE LEAP AND THE SONG
9. (FAST FORWARD) ANGELS VISIT SHEPHERDS
10. (FAST REWIND) IN THE EAST
 - ✠ BABYLONIAN EXILE/CAPTIVITY (597-538 BC)
 - ✠ -1 BC (?) - A STAR APPEARS
11. AN ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH AGAIN, WARNING OF HEROD'S INTENT
12. REWIND – THE REASON FOR THE SEASON = YOU