



**Sunday, December 19, 2010: Meekness and Majesty**

**Scripture: Galatians 4:4-5**

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**Sermon Notes:**

1. It's a challenge to say something true not new, and still capture your audience about the Christmas message.
2. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 talks about the significance of time.
3. We celebrate days to punctuate our time with a sense of significance.
4. The first thing God sanctifies is time itself, separating and sanctifying the seventh day for rest.
5. We measure the succession of moments, seconds passing by, and we call it time.
6. The origin, meaning and purpose of time is one of the most important themes in our existence.
7. Yet it is difficult to define the concept of time. It is a riddle to us.
8. God is before all time, and He called us before all time (2 Timothy 1:9).
9. The meaning of time is from before creation in eternity, and the meaning of time breaks into history in Christ.
10. The majesty of Christmas is that the eternal Word, God the Son, enters into time (John 1:1 -4).
11. The evolutionary explanation for all things, chance, is no cause; it is merely a word that describes our ignorance about the collision of events.
12. By contrast Jesus exercised power over the forces of nature, turning water into wine, calming the storm, and so on.
13. God governs the universe by His Word; meaning and significance is found in God.
14. Much of our lives is spent trying to find something to do with the time we tried to save.
15. You can't understand the meaning of Christmas without Christ's purpose to be born, to die and to be raised to life for us.

16. God sent forth His Son, so that we might become Children of God by adoption. Christmas is so that we can call God our Father.
17. At the first Christmas, time and eternity collided. Christ alone takes time and eternity and gives them significance.
18. What we do in life echoes for eternity and that makes what you do with the cradle of Christ infinitely significant.
19. Jesus taught that we must not presume upon time (Luke 12:16-21).
20. We're not promised tomorrow; today you must decide what you'll do with the cradle of Jesus.
21. The cradle of Christ offers us a redeemer, to redeem us from our guilt and shame, to rescue us from our rebellion against God.
22. The best Christmas gift is that we're given God Himself in Christ.
23. The gift is to know the Father, the only true God, and Jesus Christ (John 17:3).
24. Now is the time of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

**Application Questions:**

1. What is time and how do celebrations focus its significance for us?
2. Who is it that can breath meaning and purpose into all true time?
3. How does John 1 portray eternity entering time?
4. What is chance? Explain why it cannot be a causal explanation for the universe.
5. What is the agency by which God created the world and governs the universe?
6. Does Jesus' teaching in Luke 12:16-21 apply as a warning in my life?
7. What significance does the cradle of Christ have for me?
8. How am I dealing with my guilt and alienation from God?