

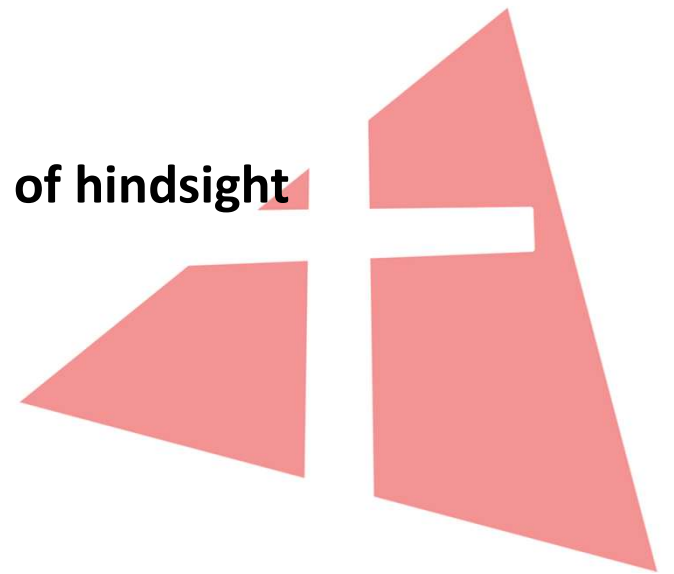
Glory
TO THE NEWBORN
King



Waiting for Jesus

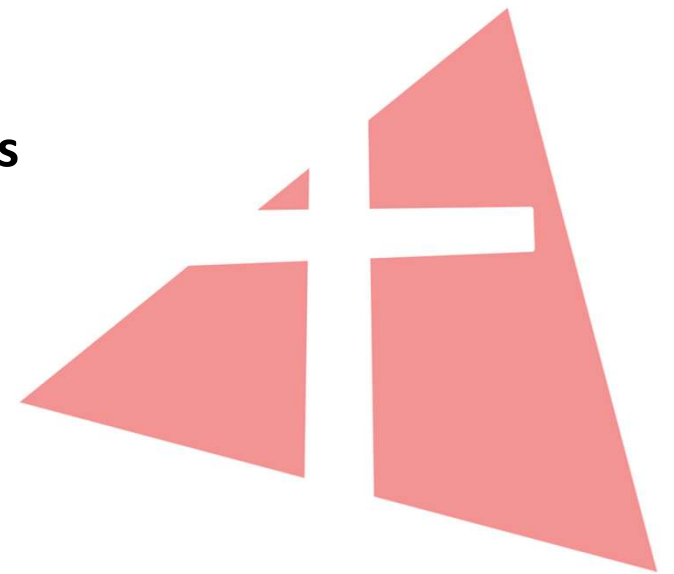
Our Position

- **We can look back at Christmas**
 - We know “how it ends”
- **But the people who lived back then did not have this privilege of hindsight**



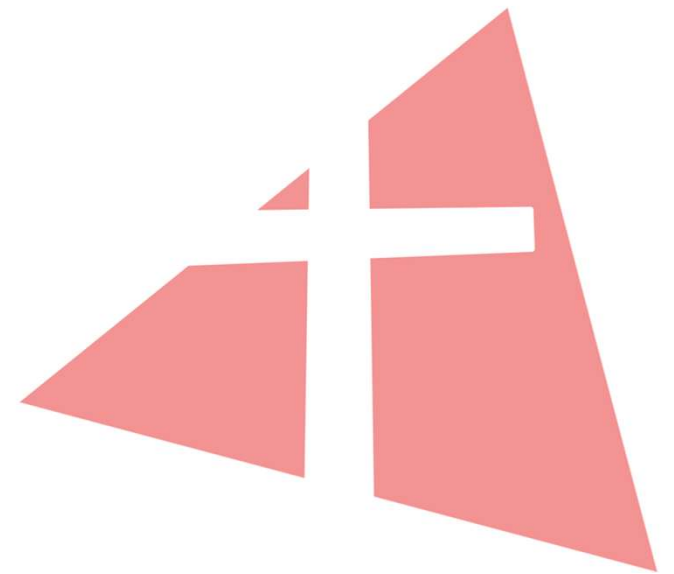
400 Years of Silence

- **The Book of Malachi was completed ~400BC**
- **There was no clear revelation from God during those 400 years**



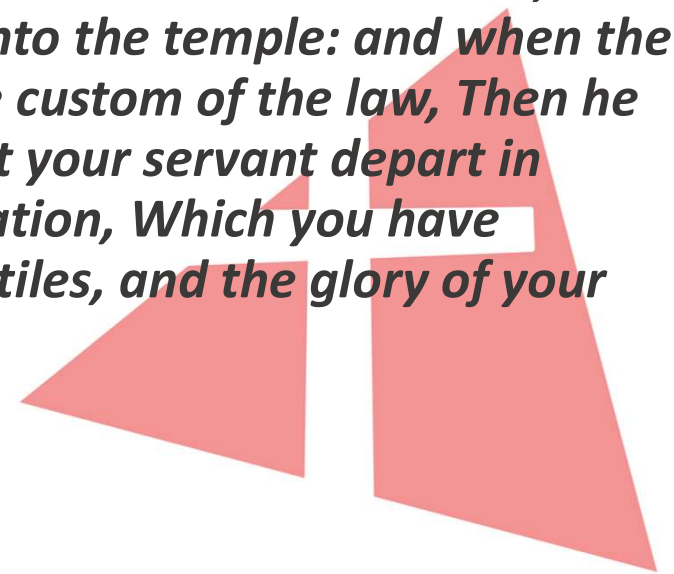
Mary and Joseph during the Pregnancy

- They faced a lot of questions, rejection and difficulties



Simeon's Wait

Luke 2:25-32 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, Then he took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word: For my eyes have seen your salvation, Which you have prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.



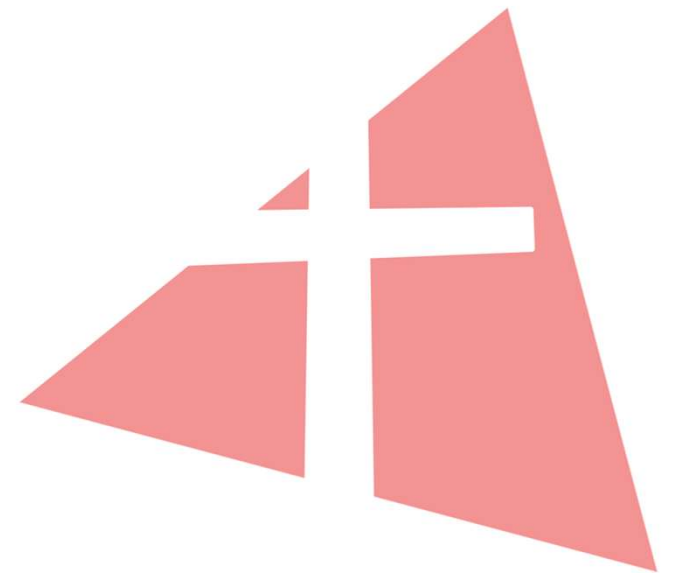
The Wise Men's Journey

Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,



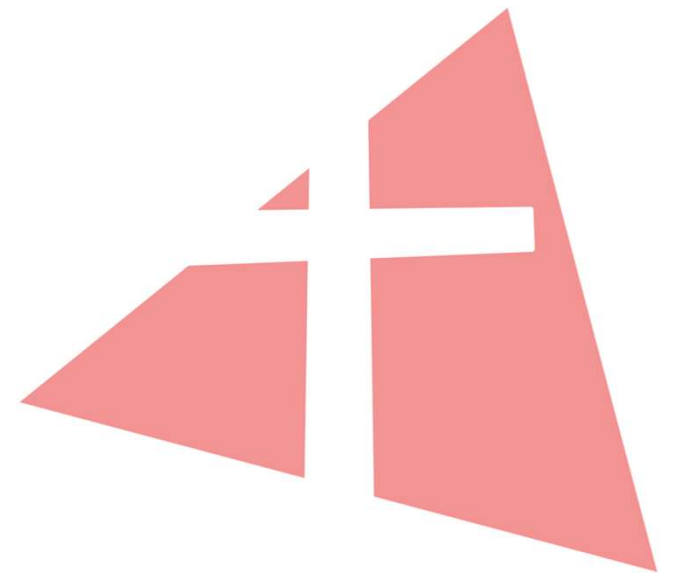
Other Examples

- Abraham
- Noah
- David



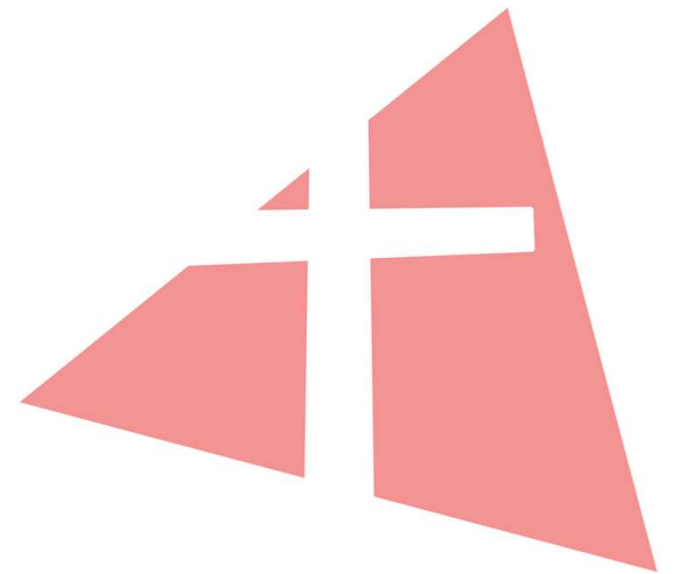
Other Examples

- **Job**
- **Nehemiah**
- ...



The Biblical Pattern

- **Following God means we have to spend a lot of time waiting**
- **God's Timing is different from our timing**



Just to be clear

- God is not late
- We are impatient

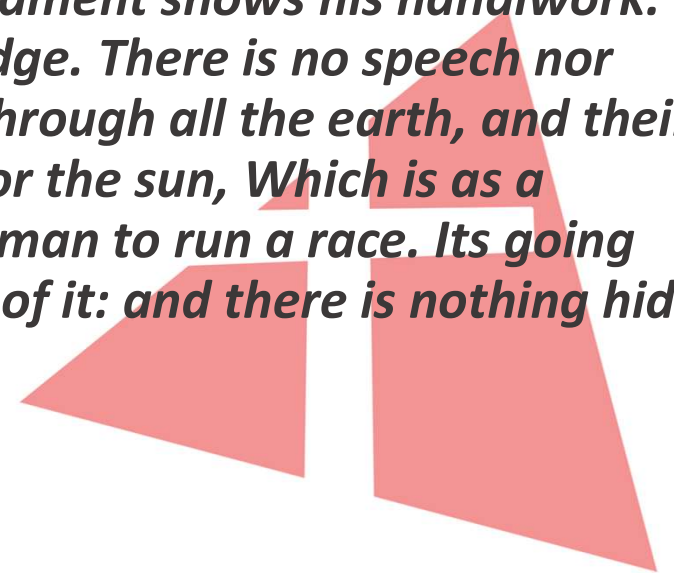
Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, self-control: against such there is no law.



David's Example

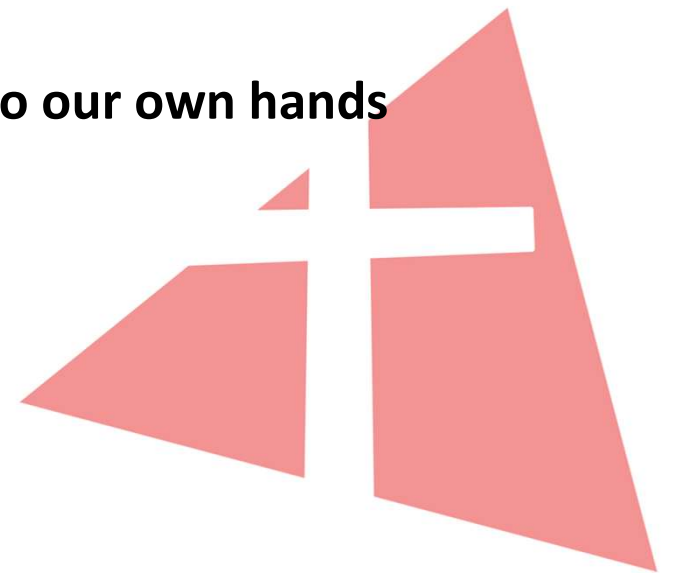
- David knew waiting isn't always a bad thing

Psalm 19:1-6 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night shows knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. Its going forth is from the end of the heaven, and its circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.



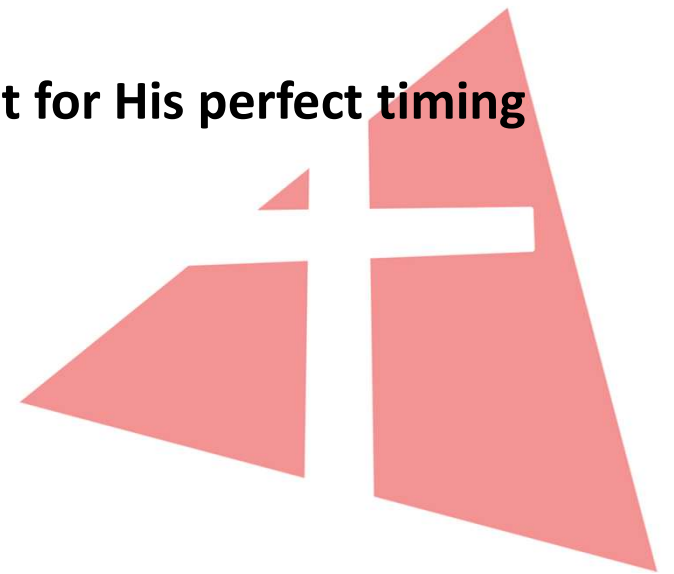
Our Problem

- **When waiting on God, we are most tempted to take things into our own hands**



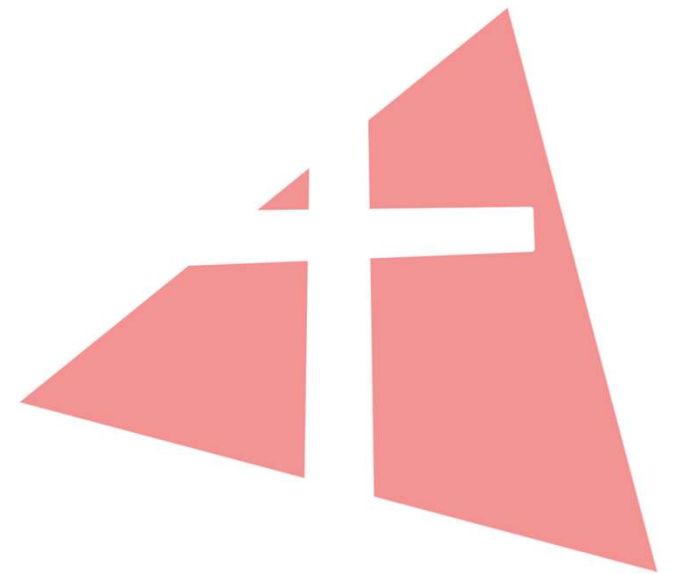
The Result

- **God's Power is most visible when we have the patience to wait for His perfect timing**



A Testimony

- **2 times praying for a job**



In Conclusion

- **Christmas should also be a reminder that “following Jesus” also includes “waiting for Jesus’ timing”**
 - What are we waiting for right now?
 - How does God want us to use our time while waiting?
 - What purpose does God have in our waiting?

