

# KAIROS!

<sup>1</sup> *In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar--when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene--* <sup>2</sup> *during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.* <sup>3</sup> *He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.* <sup>4</sup> *As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.* <sup>5</sup> *Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.* <sup>6</sup> *And all people will see God’s salvation.’”*

Luke 3:1-6

<sup>4</sup> *But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,*

Galatians 4:4

<sup>15</sup> *“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*

Mark 1:15

<sup>15</sup> *Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise,* <sup>16</sup> *making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

Ephesians 5:15,16

- I. The silence is broken.
  - A. When John the Baptist appeared on the scene, no prophetic voice had been heard for 400 years.
  - B. The time was ripe for visitation internationally, nationally, and personally.
  - C. Luke names seven different men. An emperor, a governor, three tetrarchs (rulers over a fourth part of an area), and two Jewish high priests.
    - \* Their Chronological placement triggered the greatest Kairos intersection of all time.
- II. Understanding two kinds of time / Chronos versus Kairos.
  - A. Chronos time
    - 1. Chronos is linear clock-time--quantifiable, predictable and sequential--measured in years, months, hours, minutes, and seconds.
    - 2. "What time is it?" is the question that will identify a chronological moment.
    - 3. Chronos time is sliced into 24 equal pieces.
  - B. Kairos time
    - 1. Kairos time is measured qualitatively, around significance.
    - 2. A Kairos is not a scheduled or appointed moment, but a qualitative event--a watershed due-season visitation.
    - 3. Kairos time is God's time--sacred time--the immediate savoring of Kingdom Presence, peace, meaning, and value.
    - 4. Kairos moments are outside of human scheduling. They are not identified by the question, "What time is it?" but by the Divine affirmation, "This is the time!"

5. Kairos time is kingdom time where we welcome incoming significant and holy moments.
6. Divine appointments are Kairos time intersecting Chronos time.

### III. Thin places / Eternalizing moments

- A. Kairos moments are groundbreaking opportunities.
- B. When we worship, we enter time that cannot be measured, consumed, lost, stolen, or overturned. Kairos time!
- C. We can blend a Chronos mindset with a Kairos mindset. (Both must dwell together in balance.)
- D. We must become adept at finding Kairos moments in a Chronos world.
- E. We must pay more attention to the faces in front of us than the face of the clock.
- F. The horse is the symbol of the plowing of Chronos time.
- G. The hawk is the symbol of sensitivity and awareness to Kairos time.