

Why Did Jesus Christ Come?

Introduction

- A. "For God so loved that He gave . . . His Son" is the most incomparable gift of love of all time. What could we ever give Him in return?
- B. It is beyond the range of man's imagination that God would become man. But -- He did come and was born and lived and died in our place. That is the Gospel!
- C. Why did He come? What was the goal He came to achieve?

I. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Law of God, Matthew 5:17.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets, I am not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Observation: In our creation we were made so we could obey God fully. The responsibility placed upon us was that of perfect obedience. In failing to obey we became unrighteous and in sinning against God we became guilty, Romans 3:10,23. Jesus Christ came to reverse our sinful condition – He came to fulfill the law of God for us.

II. Jesus Christ came that man might have life, John 10:10.

The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

Observation: This is what we need in our sinful condition. By our sin we have been brought to a state of death, Romans 6:23. He came to bring us life and acceptance with God.

III. Jesus Christ came to bring us light into our darkness, John 12:46.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness.

Observation: In order to know of our tragic separation from God and how to accept His gift of love – we must be told. Man is confused as he looks within. We need the "light of life," John 8:12.

IV. Jesus Christ came to save the world – not to judge it, John 12:47,48.

And if any man hear My words and believe not, I judge Him not, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth Me and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Observation: Jesus Christ came to save us – but the condition is an acceptance of Himself as Savior and Lord, John 1:12. Mankind must, by the grace of God, accept the light of God – repent of sin – and receive Jesus Christ by faith. To refuse is to stand under God's judgment.

V. Jesus Christ came to bring ~~the~~ sword and division of truth, Matthew 10:34,35.

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth⁵ I came not to send peace but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

Observations: There is nothing more dividing than the Word of God and the Person of Jesus Christ. Man cannot be neutral in these areas of life. There is no possibility of compromise. You cannot be a 62 percent believer! (John 9:39; 18:37)

VI. **Jesus** Christ came to call people to repentance, Matthew 9:13.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Observation: Repentance is the correct response to the revelation of God's love. We have sinned against God -- for that we must apologize to Him -- receive His Son and become thereby His child. This message of repentance is not popular but necessary.

VII. **Jesus** Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost, Luke 19:10.

For the Son of Man is come to seek and to ~~save~~ that which ~~was~~ lost.

Observation: This verse states our natural condition: lost! What a comfort to know that Jesus Christ came to seek us. This is the action that is a proof of His love. What a tragedy that many refuse to admit their condition and thereby forfeit His provision.

VIII. Jesus Christ came to save sinner, I Timothy 1:15.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Observation: The comfort and assurance in the life of the Apostle Paul was that Jesus Christ came into the world for sinners like himself. It was not Paul's education, religious devotion nor his sincerity that made it possible for him to go to heaven -- but a Person, Jesus Christ.

IX. **Jesus Christ** came to give His life a ransom, Mark 10:45.

For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Observation: This is how the lost sinner is saved -- Jesus Christ gave His life in our place. A ransom is a substitute payment. Jesus Christ made Himself that substitute. He took our death and gave us life!

X. Jesus Christ came to bring us peace, Ephesians 2:17.

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off and to them that were nigh.

Observation: Peace is the final result of having the benefits of Christ's ransom. It is the peace of a right relationship and the peace of inner tranquility. There is no substitute for peace.

Conclusion: He came to His own and was rejected, John 1:11.

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