

WHY DID JESUS COME?

I. TO SHOW MEN THE UGLINESS OF SIN

John 15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but **now they have no excuse for their sin.**

Luke 7:45 You gave Me no kiss, but **this woman** has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

Luke 5:8 When **Simon Peter** saw [it], he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "**Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!**"

Acts 9:4-6

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "**Saul, Saul**, why are you persecuting Me?" **5** And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

6 So **he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"** Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

II. TO TEACH THE STANDARD BY WHICH ALL WILL BE JUDGED

John 12:47-50

47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. **48** He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--**the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.** **49** For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. **50** And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.

III. TO CORRECT MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF HIS MISSION

To Fulfill God's Promise To Adam

Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Romans 9:3-5

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for **my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites**, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; **5** of whom [are] the fathers and **from whom, according to the flesh, Christ [came]**, who is over all, [the] eternally blessed God. Amen.

To Draw The Line Between Right And Wrong

Matthew 10:34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

Luke 12:51 Do [you] suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.

To Call Sinners, NOT Condemn Them

John 3:17-18

17 For **God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.** **18** He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Luke 9:55-56

55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. **56** For **the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.**" And they went to another village.

Matthew 9:13 But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." For **I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**"

Luke 19:9-10

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; **10** for **the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.**"

1 Timothy 1:15-16

15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, of whom I am chief. **16** However, for this reason I obtained mercy, **that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern** to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

John 8: 14-16

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. **15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.** **16** And **yet if I do judge**, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.

To Clearly Identify The Promised Messiah

John 7:41 Others said, "**This is the Christ.**" But some said, "**Will the Christ come out of Galilee?**"

John 11:27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, **I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.**"

Acts 19:4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that **they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**"

1 John 4:2-3

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,** **3** and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the [spirit] of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

1 John 5:20 And **we know that the Son of God has come** and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "**Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.**"

To Provide Necessities That Men Could Not

John 10:10 **I have come that they may have life,** and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, [but] **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Galatians 3:14 **that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus,** that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Hebrews 9:11 But **Christ came [as] High Priest of the good things to come,** with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

To Save

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved