
BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: **Why did Jesus come to earth?**

Listen to these scriptures which explain why Jesus came to earth. I will read them in the order they occur in the NT:

1) Jesus came to save His people.

Matthew 1:21

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for **He will save His people from their sins.**"

The Lord's people are not the Jews. "*His people*" refers to the church. Notice:

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved **the church** and **gave Himself for her,**

The Lord's people, which He came to save, are those who humble themselves, "obey the gospel" (2 Th 1:8) by being baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). The church constitutes "spiritual Israel" (Gal 6:16; Rom 2:28-29).

2) Jesus came to bring the OT to an end.

Matthew 5:17

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

Think carefully about what this is saying. There are two ways to bring the OT to an end. One is by violating it and destroying it. Jesus said He would not do that. But the other way to bring the OT to an end is to fulfill it. Jesus brought the OT system to an end by fulfilling it.

This is why we do not have to offer animal sacrifices. This is why we who are Gentiles have the opportunity to be saved. We today are not to keep the OT laws – none of them – including the sabbath day. Everything we do must be authorized in the NT law.

3) Jesus came to save sinners, not righteous people.

Matthew 9:13

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.**"

If someone thinks they are righteous enough without Jesus, then Jesus didn't come to give them help. He came to help those who were lost in sin.

Be careful to notice that Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. He did not come to save sinners in their sins. There are many homosexuals out there and other people who are involved in other immoral lifestyles who have no intentions of changing. They think they can be saved in their sins. NO. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. Repentance mean to change – to stop doing evil and begin doing what God commanded (Isa 1:16-17).

4) Jesus came to bring division.

Matthew 10:34-36

34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. **I did not come to bring peace but a sword.**

35 For **I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law';**

36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

The division which Jesus brings was really there all along. It's the natural division which existed all along between those interested in truth and those who have no love for truth (2 Th 2:10).

Jesus is not a Savior for men who refuse to submit to His Lordship. When men and women "obey the gospel" (1 Pet 4:17), there is a natural antagonism between His people and those who refuse to obey.

Jesus does not want peace and unity at the price of truth.

5) **Jesus came to preach the gospel.**

Mark 1:38

38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because **for this purpose I have come forth.**"

Without a preacher, people cannot be saved – because they cannot know what they need to do and what they need to believe (Rom 10:14-15). Jesus came to tell people what they needed to believe and do.

Being saved involves both believing and doing something. Salvation is not by faith only (Ja 2:24).

6) **Jesus came to do God's will.**

John 6:38

38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

This is the opposite of what most people do. Most people want to do their own thing. They like entertainment, so they think God will accept entertainment in worship and that's what they offer. People like humor and funny things and they think that's what God wants in worship, so they have laughter and fun when they come together. People are forgetting to ask, "What has God revealed in His holy word concerning worship?"

Jesus didn't come to do what He wanted, He came to do what the father wanted.

We will continue these thoughts next week.

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