

WHY JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD

Introduction

- 1) Jesus' existence did *not* begin with His conception and birth into this world
 - a) He is the Word that was in the beginning with God and was God (Jn. 1:1)
 - b) He is the Creator (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2)
 - c) He is the "I AM" before Abraham was (Jn. 6:58; cf. Ex. 3:14)
 - d) He shared glory with the Father before the world was (Jn. 17:5)
 - e) His existence is from "everlasting" – eternal (Micah 5:2)
- 2) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (Jn. 1:14); came in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7)
- 3) Do we know why Jesus came into the world? Let's listen to Jesus explain why He came.

I) TO FULFILL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS (Matthew 5:17-18)

- A) Jesus came as the One who was foretold to come (Jn. 1:45; 5:39; Acts 26:22-23)
- B) Fulfilled prophecies of being the Prophet (Deut. 18), Messiah and Son of God (Psa. 2), King and High Priest (Psa. 110), and the suffering Savior who would give His life for sinners (Isa. 53) [note Jesus' words in Luke 24:44-45]

→ ***If Jesus had not been born, prophecy would not have been fulfilled!***

- 1) Every messianic prophecy beginning from His birth (Matt. 1:22-23) to His resurrection (Acts 2:24-31) is fulfilled in Jesus
- 2) The divine inspiration of Scripture is evidenced by fulfilled prophecy (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

II) TO BE A LIGHT (John 12:46)

- A) Jesus came to give light to men living in the darkness of sin (Jn. 1:4-5, 9; 8:12)
- B) Those who follow Jesus will know the truth that will set us free from sin (Jn. 8:31-32; 12:35-36)
 - 1) Knowing and walking in truth helps us see the dangers of sin/darkness (Eph. 5:8-14)

→ ***If Jesus had not been born, the gospel of Christ would not have been revealed!***

- 1) The hidden wisdom/mystery of the gospel was revealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:3-5)
- 2) Each person needs to open his/her heart to the light of the gospel truth (2 Cor. 4:3-6)

III) TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM (Mark 10:45)

- A) A ransom is a payment made for someone's freedom
 - 1) One who pays the "ransom" is a redeemer, and the one freed has been redeemed
- B) We are redeemed/freed from the captivity of sin and its sentence of death (Rom. 6:23), by Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us (Titus 2:13-14; 1 Tim. 2:6)
 - 1) The price for our redemption was the blood of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:18-19; Acts 20:28)

→ ***If Jesus had not been born, He could not have shed His blood for our redemption!***

- 1) Jesus had to come in a body of flesh and blood to secure our release from sin (Heb. 2:14-15)
- 2) Jesus obtained eternal redemption by His blood for all who come to Him (Heb. 9:12)

IV) TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST (Luke 19:10)

- A) Jesus is well-aware of our greatest need – salvation from sin (1 Tim. 1:15; Jn. 3:16)
- B) Our God wants everyone to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-6; 2 Pet. 3:9)

→ ***If Jesus had not been born, we would have no Savior!***

- 1) The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men (Titus 2:11; Eph. 2:8)
- 2) The Savior ("Jesus") has come and calls men to repentance (Lk. 2:11, 30; Lk. 5:32)

Conclusion

We see why Jesus came into the world. It was to seek and to save you and me, forgiving us of our sins and reconciled us to God in the hope of eternal life. Have you been saved?