
Five Reasons Jesus Came

I John 4:11-16

Five times in this epistle the apostle John emphasizes in very clear language the fact and purpose of the Lord's incarnation.

1. His coming was prophetically anticipated.

A star and scepter out of Israel

(**Num 24:17**) "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."

(**Mat 2:1-2**) "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, {2} Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

A virgin birth of Immanuel

(**Isa 7:14**) "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

(**Mat 1:22-23**) "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, {23} Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Born in Bethlehem

(**Micah 5:2**) "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

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2. His coming was historically authenticated.

In the four Gospels, in the epistles, by secular historians, including my countryman Josephus. His coming was prophetically anticipated. His coming was historically authenticated. Now we want to consider the reasons for His coming.

I. He Came To Be Our Sin Bearer.

(**1 John 3:5**) "And you know that He was **manifested** to take **away our sins**, and **in Him there is no sin.**"

A. The word "**manifested**" infers the **Lord's preexistence**.

B. His birth in Bethlehem **was not** His origin.

(**John 1:1-3**) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} the same was in the beginning with God. {3} all things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

(**1 John 1:1-2**) "That which was from the beginning, which **we have heard**, which **we have seen with our eyes**, which **we have looked upon**, and **our hands have handled**, concerning the Word of life— 2 **the life was manifested**, and we have seen, and **bear witness**, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us"

C. He was **manifested to take away our sins**, which means He became our sin bearer.

D. Why was it necessary for Jesus to come and die on the cross for the sins of man?

1. He was the only "perfect sacrifice"

2. "In him was no sin"
3. The provision was made on our behalf.
4. Has He taken your sins away?

II. He Came To Destroy The Works Of The Devil.

(1 John 3:8) "He who sins is of the devil, **for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested**, that **He might destroy the works of the devil.**"

A. Satan is the originator of all sin.

1. All suffering, sickness, and sorrow are because of his presence in the world.
2. Note, I didn't say that sickness was sinful, only that it is a result of sin!

B. By Jesus' incarnation He came to destroy Satan and to restore to us all that was lost through sin. **Oneness with the Father**

C. He did this by **His death** on Calvary.

1. Satan was defeated once and for all.

(**Heb 2:14**) "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**"

2. On the cross He did this reality, and at His Second Coming He will provide to us the fullness of our salvation.

(**Rev 20:10**) "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

3. We see this illustrated in Scripture.

(John 10:10) "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly**"

4. Satan is a thief; Jesus came to give us "eternal life, and victory over Satan.

5. Satan is doing his utmost to keep men and women in the dark concerning the Person and the work of Jesus Christ.

(2 Cor 4:4) "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

6. He attacks and accuses God's children, but his defeat has already been announced.

(Rom 16:20) "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

III. He Came To Give Us Eternal Life

(1 John 4:9) "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

A. **Eternal life is man's greatest need.** Without eternal life man is faced with eternal separation from God, or eternal death.

B. Because of this great need God manifested His love for us in that He sent His only begotten Son that we might have eternal life.

C. How do we acquire eternal life?

(1 John 5:11-12) "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life"

D. Do you know that you have eternal life?

IV. He Came To Be Propitiation For Our Sins.

(1 John 4:10) "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

A. Propitiation means: To atone for.

1. He became the sacrificial lamb to take away our sins.
2. His sacrificial offering appeased God's demand for holiness and righteousness.

B. Sin is contrary to the nature of God.

1. Sin must be punished.
2. God's nature demands punishment of sin.
3. Sin must be punished by God's method.

(1 Pet 2:24) "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed."

4. His only means for dealing with sin is through His Son's death on the cross.
5. No other measure can atone for sin.
6. Sin was dealt with once and for all by Christ on the cross.

V. He Came To Be The Savior Of The World

(1 John 4:14) "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."

A. Because of God's foreordained plan, Jesus is the Savior of the world.

B. The atoning work He accomplished on the cross is adequate for all people, everywhere.

C. Does this mean that because of the cross that everyone is saved? No.

1. It means that salvation is available and provided for all that believe on His name.

2. **He is able to save all that come to Him.**

(**Heb 7:25**) "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

3. Salvation takes action from the sinner.

(**Acts 16:31**) "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

(**Rom 10:13**) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(**Luke 13:3**) "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

4. We see three great truths concerning salvation.

a. **Believe**

b. **Call upon the Lord**

c. **Repent**

We know that Jesus came into this world. We celebrate His coming every year at Christmas time, but why did He come? What was the purpose God had in mind when He sent Jesus into this world to be born of a virgin?

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- He Came To Destroy The Works Of The Devil.
- He Came To Give Us Eternal Life
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Why not come to Him today?