

Why Did Jesus Come?

- To save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15)
- To seek out and save the lost (Luke 19:10)
- To be a sacrifice/ransom for sin (Mark 10:45)
- To destroy sin (1 John 3:8)
- To rule over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18)
- To teach us how to live (Mark 1:38)
- To give an example of perfect living (John 13:15)
- To be a light in the darkness (John 12:44)
- To give life (John 10:10)
- To speak the truth (John 18:37)
- To judge (John 9:39)
- To speak the Father's words (John 12:49)
- To do the work the Father gave Him to do (John 17:4)
- That we might know the Father (John 12:45)
- To be God among us (Isaiah 7:14)

The Story of Humanity

- Fall of Adam and Eve – self-determination/separation from God
- Choosing of a people through whom He would work
- Abraham
- Moses
- David
- Elijah and the other prophets
- Rebellion and consequence
- Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:3-4 (NET)

³ An ox recognizes its owner, a donkey recognizes where its owner puts its food;

but **Israel does not recognize me, my people do not understand.**"

⁴ The sinful nation is as good as dead, the people weighed down by evil deeds.

They are offspring who do wrong, children who do wicked things. They have abandoned the LORD,

and rejected the Holy One of Israel.

They are alienated from him.

Isaiah 1:11,13b (NET)

¹¹ "Of what importance to me are your many sacrifices?" says the LORD. "I am stuffed with burnt sacrifices of rams and the fat from steers. The blood of bulls, lambs, and goats I do not want.

¹³ but I cannot tolerate sin-stained celebrations!

Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:22-23

Isaiah 1:16-18 (NET)

¹⁶ Wash! Cleanse yourselves! Remove your sinful deeds from my sight. Stop sinning! ¹⁷ Learn to do what is right! Promote justice! Give the oppressed reason to celebrate! Take up the cause of the orphan! Defend the rights of the widow! ¹⁸ Come, let's consider your options," says the LORD. "Though your sins have stained you like the color red, you can become white like snow; though they are as easy to see as the color scarlet, you can become white like wool.

Jesus came so we could understand and know God and so that we could truly turn our backs on sin.

John 17:3-4 (NET)

³ Now this is eternal life - that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

Galatians 6:8-10 (NET)

⁸ because the person who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.

Galatians 6:1b-4 (NET)

¹ Pay close attention to yourselves, so that you are not tempted too. ² Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something

when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ Let each one examine his own work.

1 John 2:3-5 (NET)

³ Now by this we know that we have come to know God: if we keep his commandments. ⁴ The one who says "I have come to know God" and yet does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in such a person. ⁵ But whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in him.

1 John 1:6-9 (NET)

⁸ If we say we do not bear the guilt of sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ But if we confess our sins, he is faithful

and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness.

Message of Hope

He has cleansed us, made us white as snow

He has made Himself accessible to every single one of us

It wasn't about just forgiveness from sin or even just forgiveness from sin

We've been given the ability to seek and to know God!

Let's seek holiness and righteousness because we love Him and know Him!