

WHY DID JESUS COME TO THIS WORLD

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INTRODUCTION

A. GREAT EVENT!

1. Without question, the greatest event until that time, in the scheme of redemption for man, was the birth of Christ.
2. The Bible Account of the Birth of Christ.
3. It is one event that has affected the whole world for 2000 years.
4. Angles rejoiced and wise men came to see the new born King.

B. OUR QUESTION THIS MORNING IS; Why Did Jesus Come To The World?

1. May seem strange, but you will find a number of different answers given to that question.
 2. Not all of them consider God's purpose for sending His Son.
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JEW'S EXPECTATION

A. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE JEW'S EXPECTATION OF THE MESSIAH WAS PHYSICAL.

1. Free them from the control of Rome.
2. Re-establish their Kingdom.
3. Restore David's Throne.

B. JESUS' TEACHING THAT HIS KINGDOM WAS "*not of this world*" fell on deaf ears.

1. It took time for even His disciples to understand this.
 2. A completely spiritual concept was hard for them to understand.
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MILLENNIAL THEORIES

A. ALL MILLENNIAL THEORIES, PRE or POST TIE INTO THE JEWISH IDEA OF A PHYSICAL KINGDOM.

1. Basically they teach in common that when Jesus returns it will be to Jerusalem.
2. He will establish His Kingdom there. For the Jews first, then the Gentile world.

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- B. ALL MILLENNIAL THEORIES ARE BASED ON FAILURE.
 - 1. God and Jesus failed on His first coming and first attempt to establish His kingdom.
 - 2. He is go to have to come back and try again.
 - C. IF HE FAILED THE FIRST TIME, WHAT ASSURANCE COULD WE HAVE THAT HE WILL SUCCEED THE SECOND TRY.
 - 1. What does this say of both God and Christ and of their power.
 - 2. Is Satan, and man, those who serve him, more powerful than God?
 - D. WHO WAS GREATER....MOSES OR CHRIST??
 - 1. If Moses was successful in establishing the Jewish religion and state...and he was.
 - 2. Christ failed in His effort...where does this leave His followers?
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TODAY PEOPLE TEACH

- A. THAT CHRIST CAME TO HELP US TO BE RICH, PROSPEROUS IN THIS WORLD.
 - 1. TV preachers. God intends for you to prosper.
 - 2. Send them money and they will tell you how.
 - 3. But....if you are listening for how to save your soul you have to listen a long time.
 - B. TO RESTORE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND STRENGTH.
 - 1. What draws the great crowds??
 - 2. Not hope for healing the soul...but hope for healing the body.
 - C. TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY.
 - 1. To make us feel good.
 - 2.
 - D. TO BUILD A BETTER SOCIAL SYSTEM.
 - 1. We should fight for better housing, better jobs, better pay, etc.
 - 2. While all of these things may be important, if we gain them and lose our soul, what does it prosper?
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JESUS CAME....

A. BECAUSE OF SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCE.

1. *"So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."* (Gen. 3:24).
2. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* (Ezek. 18:4).
3. *"The wages of sin is death".* (Rom. 6:23).
4. Until Christ came, we were.... *"separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world."* (Eph. 2:12).

B. CHRIST CAME TO DIE FOR THE SINNER.

1. *"For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly.but God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* (Rom. 5:6, 8).
2. He shed His blood for the forgiveness of sin. (Matt. 26:28).

C. TO SAVE THE LOST.

1. *"Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."* (I Tim. 1:15).
2. *"And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins."* (Matt. 1:21).

D. BECAUSE...

1. One soul is worth more than all the world.
2. *"For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?"* (Matt. 16:26).
3. John 3:16.
4. John 14:1-6

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, that we may be where He is.
