

## Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

At this time of year, the minds of many are drawn to Jesus. Though many do not regularly attend church services during the year, they attend, often with family, on Christmas and Easter. Though I would love to see them the remaining 50 weeks of the year, I am glad to have an opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

Though Jesus' birth was a matter of prophecy, it is not the most important aspect of His earthly existence. That He came in human form is a matter of the biblical record ( Phil. 2:5-11) as are the facts that He died, rose again and will return at some unknown future time. Here, we want to focus on understanding why He came. If we are to truly grasp and apply biblical truth in this regard, we must be able to see that there was a purpose for His coming. His role for mankind was planned, perfected and performed with a distinct purpose in mind.

Jesus came for our benefit. He left glory to come to this earth, which enabled Him to sympathize with our existence and the problems we face in this existence. He came to fulfill prophecy and thus provide God's will for man. He came to pay the price necessary for our redemption. He came to affirm our value (not based on self-worth; rather, on the value that God places on man). He came to provide us an example as to how to live a life of holiness.

For us to truly appreciate His coming to earth in human form, we must realize that it was done with us in mind. God's love was the motivation for His plan and Christ's love for us and His dedication to the will of the Father resulted in making it possible for us to be blessed in this life and the life to come (Eph. 1:3). May we reflect on why He came, thank God for the opportunities presented and so live our lives as to attain the heavenly reward in which this plan culminates.

### Sermon Outline: Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

1. To Fulfill Prophecy (Deut. 18:15; Isa. 53:1-5; Dan. 2:44-45; Matt. 5:17; Lk. 24:44).
2. To Serve as a Sympathetic High Priest (1 Jno. 2:15-16; Heb. 2:14-18; 1 Tim. 2:5-6)
3. To Reveal God's Will (Rom. 11:33; Heb. 1:1-2; Jno. 14:8-9; Matt. 28:18; Jno. 12:48-50)
4. To Affirm Our Value (Psa. 8:1-6; Jno. 1:14)
5. For Our Redemption (2 Cor. 8:9; Gal. 4:4-5; Heb. 9:26-28; Mk. 10:45)
6. To Serve as an Example (Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Pet. 2:21-24).

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