

## The Reason Jesus Came Matthew 1:18-25

The birth of Jesus Christ was foretold in the Bible. 700 years before His birth, Scripture had had prophesied his birth in great detail.

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

Immanuel means “God with us.”

If this is true, then why did God come to earth? What was the purpose, what was the reason?

### **1. Jesus came to solve the problem of sin**

**She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)**

In the Bible, there is an absolute declaration that Jesus came down to earth to save man from sin.

There are two different types of sin, original sin and actual sin. Original sin is the hereditary sin passed down from our forefathers whereas actual sin is the sin you commit in everyday life. Original sin began with Adam and Eve. As we live life, all people will sin. The degrees of sin may be different but all are held captive by it.

However, Jesus lifted the burden of sin from humanity when he died on the cross in Calvary. Whoever believes in the truth of Jesus Christ and accepts Him into their heart will receive the grace given through the cross and be saved. It is through faith we are saved.

There is no other faith with this type of grace.

The difference between Christianity and other religions is that there is no moral standard, type of meditation, or ethical demand that is needed to be saved. In fact, it is with our empty hands that we go before God and are saved through faith by grace.

Jesus came to earth to save us from the problem of sin.

### **2. Jesus came to Earth to be a sacrificial offering**

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

The Bible tells us that Jesus came down as an offering for our sins because God loved us.

Before Jesus came, an animal would have to be caught and sacrificed to the Lord. But when Jesus was on the cross, the curtain separating the holy place and the Holy of Holies ripped from top to bottom. This symbolized the tearing down of the curtain that was in-between God and His people. Through the death of Jesus Christ, anyone can call upon His name and go before Him.

**In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. (Ephesians 3:12)**

God is omnipotent.

Omnipotence means that everything is possible. This God of infinite possibilities is within us, and because of Him we are able to experience miracles.

This God of miracles and this God that has seen the history of the world unfold is available to us and through the atonement of his son Jesus Christ is able to have an intimate relationship with us.

Through Jesus Christ I hope that we can become a church that continually experiences the power of our omnipotent God.

### **3. Jesus came to earth so that we would become children of God**

**But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)**

If you believe in Jesus Christ, that He died and rose again for your sins, then God has given you the authority and the power to be His child.

What is the power given to a child of God?

First, what is God's becomes yours.

Second, you regain the blessing lost by Adam.

When Adam committed the original sin, God allowed the blessings originally meant for Adam to be given over to Satan. However, through the grace given by the cross of Jesus Christ, we are able to recover the blessing that was meant for Adam.

**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. (Galatians 3:13-14)**

What is the blessing of Abraham?

**And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)**

The blessing is that you will become that blessing. If you were born in the United States, it doesn't matter whether your parents came to America as international students or simply came for vacation; you have the full authority and power of being an American citizen. In the same way, the moment you believe in Jesus Christ the mistakes of your past, the pain and hurts you received, your family background and living situation have no consequence on you being a child of God. No matter what, your life will change because God will bless you with the experience of being His.

It is because of we receive Jesus Christ into our hearts that we also have the authority and power of being a child of God.

This is the third reason why Jesus came down to Earth.

Jesus came down to Earth for three reasons.

1. To solve the problem of sin

2. To be a sacrificial offering
3. To give us the authority of being children of God

Jesus was born over two thousand years ago for these very reasons. Therefore this day is not a day to just give and receive presents. Because of the birth of Jesus Christ on this day, our lives are completely changed and we can give thanks and praise to Him who has given us blessing after blessing.

I hope that we will remember why Jesus came down to Earth and that our church would live in a way that would reflect His blessings to us.

Sharing Time — — — — —

1. Christmas is the remembrance of when Jesus came to Earth. We talked about three reasons why Jesus came here. Which of those reasons stood out most to you?
2. What was the most memorable Christmas for you? Why was it so memorable?
3. These reasons for Jesus coming to Earth are not something we should only think about during Christmas. Take time with your Life Group to pray that you would live as children of God and that the things you've learned will not be forgotten.