



WHY **JESUS** *CAME*

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Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

A lot of times we want brand new information in our messages...but faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing.

So, today we are going to take a look at something that may not be brand new to some of you...but it is definitely what God laid on my heart.

TODAY: We are celebrating the fact that Jesus rose from the grave. His is alive!
His earthly mission was ALMOST complete...He still had the ascension to Heaven thing left.

So, what did Jesus come to actually do...what mission did He have to complete. Let's check it out:

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and **to give his life a ransom for many.**”

***“Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.”***

He came to pay the price that only He could pay for our sins.

Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

UNDERSTAND: It was unacceptable to Jesus that mankind was living in sin and living in the results of sin...so He actively came to save them.

He took every opportunity to help remove people from their sinful situations.

He did NOT help them stay in their sinful situations.

1 John 3:8 – “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that **he might destroy the works of the devil.**”

This makes it clear where sin comes from...the enemy.

Jesus came to destroy anything that came from the devil (we will see in a bit that list more clearly).

Jesus, through His LIFE and DEATH and RESURRECTION only had ONE PURPOSE in mind...to destroy the works of the devil.

John 10:10 – “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**”

NOTICE: Not only heaven...but the God-kind of life and abundance.

YA! That is what He came to do for us!

John 14:12 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father.”

NOTICE: Jesus didn't only come to do these things...powerful words...miracles, healings, acts of love, etc...He came to show us what we can do. Even what is expected for us.

UNDERSTAND: If Jesus did all that He did, simply because He was God and to do it for us...that is still awesome, but it makes us no more than spectators.

HOWEVER: If He did all that He did as a man...it shows us what we can do and participate with.

John 17:4 – “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.”

All He cared about what to glorify the Father on earth...He did it.

His time on earth could not be complete until all of these things were complete.

Yes, you could probably find other things in Scriptures...but these really help us understand what happened through Jesus' work on the cross.

When He said it is finished...what was finished?

What Does That Give to Us?

So, what kind of works were destroyed?

What kind of life was given?

What were we bought out of?

2 Corinthians 5:17,21

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

So, on the cross...He took our sins...made us the righteousness of God in Christ.

Isaiah 53:5 – “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

On the cross, He took our sins and guilt...He took the chastisement and gave us peace...He took the stripes and gave us healing and health.

1 Peter 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 ye were healed.”

BELOVED: He took our sickness and sins...He gave us healing 2,000 years ago!

UNDERSTAND: Sin is what separates us from Him...keeps us from His best.

That is why we love people enough to tell them the true (in love).

2 Corinthians 8:9 – “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, **yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**”

God, on the cross, took all poverty and lack...every bit of it. Provided prosperity and completeness for us.

Conclusion

If God did all of this for us...then:

- 1.) Our lives are the least of what we can give to Him.
- 2.) Why would we settle for anything less than all He provided.

Often we don't get #2, because we haven't done #1. We are still living for ourselves and not Him.