

“Why did Jesus come?”
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Isaiah 9:6- “For a child has been born—for us! The gift of a son—for us! He’ll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow, and there’ll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.”

He was “GIVEN”- offered fully & freely—as an expression & a demonstration of love. (John 3:16- “God SO LOVED that He GAVE”)

He was “SENT”- with purpose; on a mission; with the clear intent to accomplish something. (John 20:21- “As the Father SENT Me...”)

HE “CAME”- to willfully move from one place to another; internally motivated to do so.

WHY DID JESUS COME?

1. He came to FULFILL EVERY PROMISE GOD EVER MADE.

Matthew 5:17-18- “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

- Every requirement of the Law was fully met in Jesus—He became the perfect sacrifice. The Law was a “shadow.” Jesus was the “substance” of that shadow (Hebrews).
- Over 300 prophecies in the OT (some say 353) were fulfilled by Jesus. Down to the smallest detail.

2. He came to GIVE HIS LIFE—so that WE COULD HAVE LIFE.

Matthew 20:28- Jesus said, “(I) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give My life as a ransom for many.”

John 10:10- “I came that they may *have life*, and have it *abundantly!*”

3. He came TO REVEAL HIS FATHER TO US.

“He who has seen My, has seen the Father.” (John 14:9)

4. He came TO DEAL WITH SIN—AND IGNITE US WITH HOLY FIRE.

“Jesus said, ‘For judgment I came into this world.’” (John 9:39)

“He came in order to take away sins” (1 John 3:5). He is “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

“I have come to bring fire on the earth” (Luke 12:49). “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire...He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire!” (Matthew 3:11-12)

5. He came TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

“The Son of God came for this purpose—to destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8)

“Only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14)

CLOSING THOUGHT-

Ultimately—He CAME FOR YOU!!!

“In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons (and daughters) through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will.” (Ephesians 1:5)

“Predestined” encapsulates the truth that Jesus was “given, sent and came.” LOVE—in its greatest expression—came FOR us with unrelenting longing!

Your heavenly Father didn’t NEED you—He WANTED YOU!

“Once you were not a people (*Lit.- abandoned ones*), BUT NOW you are the people of God (*Lit.- people who belong to God*)” (1 Peter 2:10).

None of us were UNWANTED or UNEXPECTED “ACCIDENTS.”

He “chose us in Him, before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight” (Ephesians 1:4).

“You are no longer foreigners and aliens (*Lit.- those without belonging*). Instead, you are fellow citizen’s with God’s people and members of God’s household!” (Ephesians 2:19)