

Why was Jesus born?

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Introduction:

We are now in a Time of giving. Around the world people are giving gifts to one another. For most people, Christmas is a time of:

- Gifts
- Goodwill
- Sharing and caring, etc

We often forget that God gave the ultimate gift to humanity, His Son.

Jesus came with a purpose

- Jesus came with a definite purpose
- Jesus was focused, dedicated to fulfil His purpose as gift to humanity.
- The purpose? To open the way for us to be united with the Father.

Jesus, born to save you!, John 3:16

We often have a baby focus, not a King focus, when it comes to Jesus

People focus on the baby, but that was not celebrated by His disciples or the early church.

A baby is no threat to anyone, but the King on kings is, because a King demands obedience & loyalty. You cannot take the King out of the baby. You accept the baby, you accept the King.

The baby was born to die.

15 reasons why Jesus came to the earth

1. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

All have fallen short of God's glory. We are all born in sin. No one is exempt.

1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

2. Jesus Christ came into the world to call people to repentance.

Because we are all born in sin and we make mistakes, we need to turn away from sin, towards the Lord.

Mark 2:17, "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

3. Jesus Christ came into the world to seek and save the lost.

Humanity cannot save itself. You cannot deliver yourself from sin. You need someone greater than yourself and that is why Jesus came.

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

4. Jesus came into the world to demonstrate the true purpose of life and give Himself a ransom.

Sin must be punished, because God is just. Jesus came and took our punishment.

Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

5. Jesus Christ came into the world to bear witness to the truth.

Many people live according to what they believe truth is, but Jesus came to reveal to us truth itself.

John 18:37, "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

6. Jesus Christ came into the world to do the Will of His Father.

Jesus did not come to follow His own agenda.

John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

7. Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Light in the world.

He came to help those who are living in darkness.

John 12:46, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

8. Jesus Christ came into the world that men might have the Abundant Life.

Many people are breathing, but they are dead. They live, but are not alive. They live now, but do not have eternal life.

John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

9. Jesus Christ came into the world to Proclaim and preach the Good News about the Kingdom of God.

Mark 1:38, "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth."

10. Jesus Christ came into the world to die on the cross.

The baby was born to die.

John 12:27, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour."

11. Jesus Christ came into the world to fulfil the law.

Everything, the law, the writings and the prophets points towards Jesus.

Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

12. Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Divider of men.

Matthew 10:34, 35, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

Christ makes it necessary to choose between relatives and the truth. This choice often causes division.

13. Jesus Christ came into the world as a demonstration of God's Love.

1 John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

14. Jesus Christ came into the world because the Father sent Him.

Jesus was under the Father's authority. He did not come to do His own thing, but to fulfil the will of the Father.

John 20:21, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

a. The Father SENT Jesus to be the Propitiation (atonement) for our sins.

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b. The Father SENT Jesus and gave Jesus as the Saviour of the world.

John 3:16-18, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

c. The Father SENT Jesus to bless us by turning us from our iniquities.

Acts 3:26, "Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

d. The Father SENT His Son to redeem us from BEING UNDER the law.

Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

e. God SENT His Son to make possible a new power in the hearts of men, a power to enable him to fulfil the righteousness of the law.

Romans 8:3,4, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

15. Jesus came to bring hope, victory and a future to humanity

1 Cor 15: 57-58, But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- When you think of the baby Jesus, remember who you are thinking of. He is a KING!
- Will you bow your knee before Him?

Communion