

21 Reasons Jesus Came

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1. to fulfill God's promises

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

¹⁸ "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

⁶ "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse." (**Luke 1:17**)

Matthew 1:22 Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." (**Isaiah 7:14**)

Micah 5:2 " But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." (**Matthew 2:4-6**)

2. to seek and to save us

Matthew 1:20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

²¹ "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

²⁸ then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart In peace, according to Thy word;

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Matthew 9:13 "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

1 Timothy 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

⁵ in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

3. to redeem us

Luke 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸ "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant--

⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old--

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"--

¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

4. to adopt us

John 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

5. to indwell us and give us life

John 1:13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

6. to give us an inheritance

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,

⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

7. to free us from the control of evil

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

⁴ Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

⁵ And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

⁶ No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

⁸ the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

⁹ No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

8. to identify with us

Hebrews 2:14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

¹⁵ and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

¹⁶ For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

9. to shepherd us

Micah 5:2 " But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

³ Therefore, He will give them *up* until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel.

⁴ And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.

Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² "And this *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

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