

WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH 125

SONG: 279 "Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?"

Text: Luke 19: 9-10 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. About 2,000 years ago Jesus came to the earth, born of a virgin.
- B. The world was never to be the same again.
- C. The song says He came because He loved us. This is true but was His motive, we want to know about his mission.
- D. In other words, what did Jesus come to earth to do?
- E. We want to look at seven things that Jesus did when He came to earth.

BODY:

I. JESUS CAME TO REVEAL GOD TO MAN.

- A. People have wondered what God is like.
 - 1. Some have the idea of God as a mean prude waiting to zap people.
 - 2. Others see God a George Burns in the movie "Oh God!"
- B. Even Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father.
 - 1. Jn. 14:7-8.
 - 2. Then Jesus told him- Jn. 14:9-11.
- C. Jesus was the express image of God- Heb. 1:1-3.
- D. John tells us plainly that Jesus came to reveal the Father to us.
 - 1. Jn. 1:1 then 1:14.
 - 2. Jn. 1:18.

II. TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF COMPLETELY WITH MAN.

- A. It is common for us to say, "You don't know how I feel because you have never gone through what I am going through."
- B. We feel closer to one who has born the same sorrow that we are going through.
- C. Christ identified completely with us.
 - 1. Matt. 12:50 we are His brothers and sisters.
 - 2. He calls us brethren- Heb. 2:11.
 - 3. We are heirs with Him- Rom. 8:17.
 - 4. Eph. 5:30 **"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones."**
- D. He identified with our suffering so that He might comfort us- Heb. 2:18.
- E. Jesus knows what it is like to be human and to suffer.

III. TO QUALIFY AS MAN'S HIGH PRIEST.

- A. Heb. 2:17.
- B. Heb. 4:14-15 He has passed into heaven.
- C. Heb. 8:1 Now He is on the right hand of God.
- D. A priest's job was to speak to God on behalf of the people.
- E. That's why we can come before God- Heb. 4:16.

IV. TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF SATAN.

- A. Heb. 2:14.
- B. 1 Jn. 3:8.
- C. Christ destroyed Satan while on earth. He did not yield to sin- Lk. 4:13 Satan never had that happen until then.
- D. Christ will totally destroy Satan in the end- Rev. 20:10.

V. TO CONQUER DEATH.

- A. Death the victor of all in the end.
- B. Heb. 2:14-16.
- C. Isa. 25:8a "**He will swallow up death in victory...**"
- D. 1 Cor. 15:25-26 The last enemy destroyed.
- E. 2 Tim. 1:10 Christ has abolished death.
- F. In the end there will be no more death- Rev. 21:4.

VI. TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF RIGHTEOUS LIVING.

- A. 1 Peter 2:21-23 Christ suffered leaving us an example.
- B. Christ is our example of:
 - 1. Forgiving- Col. 3:13.
 - 2. Service- Jn. 13:15-16.
 - 3. Not sinning- Heb. 4:15.
- E. By following Jesus' example we have an abundant and full life Jn. 10:10.
- F. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" Phil. 2:5.

VII. TO ATONE FOR SIN.

- A. Heb. 9:28 bear the sins of many.
- B. 1 Peter 2:24.
- C. 1 Jn. 3:5 that's why he was made known.
- D. He (CHRIST) was rich but became poor.
 - 1. 2 Cor. 8:9.
 - 2. He had all and left it- Phil. 2:5-8.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus has done so much for you.

B. It's sin to ignore all this.

C. Obey Him today.