

- ***Read John 1:1-14*** We are in the middle of a study focusing on 15 reasons why Jesus came into this world. We have made it a point to emphasize that while it is good to accept the fact that Jesus came, it is just as important for us to understand why He came. Understanding why Jesus came can help to increase our faith in Him, but it can also help us to come to appreciate His coming even more.
- We have considered 8 reasons up to this point, and it should have even impressed upon us the 2 base motivations for Jesus coming to this earth. God the Father and us, His creation. Every single reason can be boiled down to Jesus's love for His Father and for humankind. Tonight's 3 reasons will not deviate from that train of thought at all. Jesus's love for us caused Him to do some pretty incredible things for us here on earth, so let's consider 3 more reasons Jesus came to this earth, this evening.

9) Jesus Christ came into the world to judge the world. (John 9:39)

- A. This might seem like a contradiction when we consider some other text in the **Gospel of John. (John 3:17 & John 12:47)**
1. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." **(John 3:17)**
 2. "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world." **(John 12:47)**
 3. At first glance, this seems to be a pretty strong contradiction with some very strong implications. However, I believe that 2 different judgments are being considered. I believe these 2 text speak of a literal judgement of sorts. A judgement where condemnation and reward will be given out.
 4. Jesus did not come to hand out final judgments. Instead, He came to seek to save sinners from that final judgment as we've discussed already in this series. The judgement of **John 9:39** is not that final type of judgement.
- B. When we understand what Jesus means by judgement. His actions would judge others based upon their reactions.
1. The judgment Jesus mentions in **John 9** is that judgement that is made in the heart of man. Notice the context of this chapter. Jesus here heals the man who has been blind since birth. The man is then bombarded by the Jewish leadership concerning his healing and they eventually put him out of the synagogue because he would not condemn Jesus for His healing on the Sabbath. Jesus finds him again and the man ends up worshipping Jesus as he understands Him to be the Son of Man.
 2. The Jews here about this and Jesus tells them that He came so that those who did not see would be able to and that those who did see would not be able to.
 3. Putting it plainly, Jesus came so that those who were "blind" might recognize who He was and follow, but that those who could "see" would be blinded to His deity as the Messiah. The Jews thought they were the ones with true sight....but in reality they were blind to the truth that Jesus was so plainly declaring through His teachings and actions. In their refusal to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, they judged themselves. Jesus came in judgement that would divide the believers from the non believers.
- C. We judge ourselves based upon how we react to the teachings of Jesus.
1. We might not have the privilege of being in the presence of Jesus to see His signs or to hear His teachings, but we have these pages that hold the account of His actions.
 2. We hold in our hands the prophecies of the Messiah. We have in our hands the recordings of this Man who claimed to be the fulfillment of these prophecies.
 3. We have the evidence in front of us, what will we decide to do with it. Will we judge ourselves as unbelievers based upon how we react? Or will we accept that evidence and allow Jesus to guide us in this life. Jesus came to judge the faithful from the unfaithful.

10) Jesus Christ came into the world to proclaim or preach the good news of the Kingdom of God. (Mark 1:38)

- A. Early on in Mark's account of Jesus's ministry, we see Jesus speaking plainly about His mission here on earth.
1. We find Jesus healing the mother in law of Simon Peter, and the news of Jesus doing so spread very quickly. Many people came to Him wanting to be healed. Jesus, in His love and compassion, takes the time to heal many people that come to Him. **(Mark 1:30-34)**
 2. After taking the time to do this, Jesus goes to take some time for Himself. He gets up early in the morning and goes to a quiet place where He could spend time in prayer to God. The disciples begin looking for Him and upon find Him, He states that it is time for them to go somewhere else. He makes a point to mention that He wants to do so that He might be able to preach there also, for that is the reason, He says, for which He came. And we see Him after this going about preaching from this point on.
 3. People might wonder what Jesus would preach about, but I think this is told to us in Scripture. In **Matthew 4:17**, after Jesus's temptations in the wilderness and after He settles in Capernaum, the Scriptures tell us that He "began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then just after this we find Jesus teaching His great sermon on the mount. **(Matthew 6-8)** The subject of that great lesson is the characteristics of citizens of the kingdom that Jesus came to establish.
 4. Jesus came to not just establish this great season, but He wanted people to know about this kingdom and become a part of this great kingdom.
- B. This kingdom is the greatest of all kingdoms and we ought to strive to be a part of it and bring as many people as we can into it.
1. Jesus's kingdom isn't one that is physical in nature. **(John 18:36)**
 2. This kingdom will be an eternal kingdom that won't be destroyed. **(II Peter 1:10,11)**
 3. Jesus's kingdom is for all people and will refuse no one based upon appearance. **(Gal. 3:27-29)**
 4. This kingdom is the kingdom that we all outgo to seek for within it is the righteousness of God. **(Matt. 6:33)**
 5. We must strive to join this kingdom in which Jesus reigns as King. **(Acts 28:31)**

11) Jesus Christ came into the world to die on the cross. (John 12:27)

- A. This certainly wasn't something that Jesus desired, but He knew the necessity of His death on the cross.
1. In the context of Jesus coming into Jerusalem as a King, Jesus declares very humbly that He has not come to live as a King, but to be killed as a criminal.
 2. As Jesus speaks up towards heaven, God responds, but the people think it is an angel. Jesus acknowledges that this voice was given so that the people might recognize what was going on. Jesus admits that he is about to be lifted up, which told them the way in which he was about to die. **(vv.27-33)**
 3. Being put to death on a cross was the most humiliating and demeaning way of death that could be experienced by anyone during the time of the Roman empire. Therefore, the fact that the Son of God would be killed in such a way should speak volumes to us. This was something that God allowed to happen so that true humility and love might be taught to all men for it was through the cross that all men would be drawn to Jesus. **(v.32)**
- B. We must come to appreciate the death of God on the cross.
1. Jesus dying on the cross was an expression of his great love for all of man. **(John 15:13)**
 2. Jesus's death on the cross allows us to be reconciled back to God. **(Rom. 5:10)**
 3. Through Jesus's death on the cross, He brought about the new covenant by which His Kingdom would be ruled by. **(Heb. 9:15-17)**
 4. Jesus could have given His life in any way, but He chose to suffer the worst death imaginable for you and me. No greater love as been shown to us than that of Jesus who came to give His life for us so that we all might be saved through His shed blood that forgives sins.

We have a perfect example of love, humility, and servitude in our Savior Jesus Christ. He came to this world to please Father, to do His will, and to show His great love for His creation. May we come to recognize just how much He loves us and how much He has done for us in His coming to this earth, and especially His giving of His life on the cruel cross. May we be motivated to show our love for the One who first loved us.