

- ***Read John 1:1-14*** This is a very familiar text to many if not most of us because it has been the starting point for a series of lessons that we have been periodically engaged in on Sunday nights over the past couple of months. The goal of this series was to get our minds thinking about some of the many reasons why Jesus came to this earth. John writes as a matter of fact that Jesus came to this earth. It is of the utmost importance that we come to truly believe that Jesus is God, that He did come to this earth, that He did live as a man, and that He did die and raise on the third day as a sign that He had power over death. Believing all of this is crucial and essential to the Christian faith.
- We have tried to not only stress the importance of these things, but we have given a lot of effort to try to understand why it is that Jesus came. In coming to understand not just that Jesus came, but why He came....we can come to more fully appreciate His coming, and it can come to be a major motivation in our walk for the Lord as disciples. Let's finish up our series of studies by considering this final reason that Jesus came.

15) Jesus came into the world because the father sent Him. (John 20:21)

- As Jesus is preparing to ascend, He sends out His Apostles for their work of ministering the Gospel.
- Jesus states that just as His Father sent Him to do His work, so is Jesus sending out the Apostles to do the work of their Heavenly Father.
- Jesus fully expected for them to be faithful to God's will just as Jesus was fully faithful and obedient to God's will. In doing so, God would be pleased and His plan would be accomplished.

A. The Father sent Jesus to be the propitiation for our sins. (I John 4:9,10)

1. The sacrifice of Jesus served as the appeasement or redeeming factor in God's plan for man's sins to be forgiven. It was through the death and shed blood of Jesus that God's forgiveness could be given. The shedding of blood has always been required for the forgiveness of sins.
2. After the sin of Adam and Eve, it must be noted that the coverings given to them by God were made of animal skins, and those skins cost an animal or animals' life. **(Gen. 3:21)**
3. The fact that sin must be atoned for with blood is confirmed within the Law of Moses, **(Lev. 17:11)** yet these sacrifices were not sufficient for all time. They served a purpose, but there was coming a sacrifice that was so much greater. **(Heb. 10:1-4)**
4. That perfect sacrifice that was to be given once for the sins of man forever, was that perfect sacrificial lamb in the form of the Son of God as a man. **(Heb. 9:11-14)**
5. Jesus came because the Father sent Him to serve this purpose. To die for the sins of mankind.

B. The Father sent Jesus to save the world. (John 3:16-18)

1. It was through the giving of His life that Jesus would give mankind the ability to be saved from their sins through faith in Him as the Messiah of God.
2. Jesus spoke plainly when He said that only He is the Way, the Truth, & the Life, and that no one would get to God except through Him. **(John 14:6)**
3. The Apostles were also very clear with their message that there was no other way to salvation than through faith in Jesus Christ. **(Acts 4:12)**
4. Jesus was sent by God as the way for the world to be saved. There is no other way to be saved, except through faith in Jesus Christ.

C. The Father sent Jesus to bless us by turning us from our wicked ways. (Acts 3:26)

1. As Peter and John went about preaching about Jesus, they emphasized the fact that God sent Jesus with His creation in mind. God raised up Jesus so that mankind might put their faith in Him and turn from their wickedness towards the righteous ways of God.
2. Jesus serves as our perfect example of someone who was able to endure temptations and overcome the difficulties that we face in this life. **(Heb. 4:14-16)**
3. Through the grace made available through faith in Jesus, we can turn away from the wickedness of this world and live according to God's holiness. **(Titus 2:11-14)**
4. God sent Jesus to live in such a way and to give us an example to follow so that we could turn from sin and turn toward God and righteousness.

D. The Father sent Jesus to adopt us as sons. **(Gal. 4:4,5)**

1. Paul, in speaking to the Galatians concerning the Law and the bondage that they were under while living under it, speaks about the fact that God sent Jesus so that they would no longer feel as slaves under the Law, but that they might feel as if they are true sons in Christ. **(Gal. 4:1-7)**
2. Certainly, we can see the gained benefits when going from a slave to being adopted as sons. As sons, we become partakers of the benefits of the family that we join. When we join God's family, we are then put in line to receive the inheritance that is made available to sons of God. **(Rom. 8:12-17)**
3. We become heirs in the hope of heaven through the coming and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Paul mentions that God did all of this in His perfect timing. He sent Jesus at just the right time so that all things would work together as God desired for them to do.
4. God sent Jesus to bless us through adoption as sons who share in the awesome inheritance of heaven.

● **Knowing these things we've considered today, and all of the things we have studied in this series should lead us to react in a few distinct ways.**

- A. We should feel a deep appreciate to our God and Jesus for thinking about and considering our needs even though we were in the tough spot by our own actions. They both sacrificed so much for mistakes that we made. We should live extremely gratefully.
- B. We should be more than willing to follow the example that Jesus set in being perfectly obedience to all thing that His Father sent Him to do. If the Son of God was willing to submit to the will of the Father, then certainly we ought to strive to do the same thing.
- C. We ought to take advantage of the things that were made possible by Jesus coming to this earth. Jesus came and gave up so much for us...we would be foolish to let these blessings go in vain. Jesus is worthy of our lives, may we ever give them up to Him.

My hope is that this study has been enriching and encouraging in our service to God because we have come to understand why it is that Jesus came. His motivations for coming ought to fuel our motivations for giving our lives to Him and serving Him in all that we do. May God be praised and honored by our faithful service, and may we never make His Son's appearing a waste of love and sacrifice.