



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON Sunday, December 8, 2024

**Series Title:** The King is Coming!

**Lesson Title:** Why Jesus Came

**Key Scriptures:** John 10:10

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### Introduction

Luke 19:10 says, *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* In other words, Jesus was sent to Earth for a purpose. There was a mission that only He could accomplish; a need that only He could fill. During the Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us reflect on why He came, how His life was used to transform the world and how through Him we can be saved.

### Jesus Came to Reconcile Us Back to God

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, it left a spiritual imprint on all who would come after them. From them, we inherited the propensity to sin which we call the “sinful nature”. This sinful nature caused us to be separated from God. In the Bible days, the only way to receive forgiveness for sin was to sacrifice a “perfect” animal – without spot or blemish. The Bible tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission (forgiveness). This had to be done over and over and over every time a sin was committed.

In order to bridge the gap between us and God once and for all, we needed a perfect sacrifice – someone with a sinless life. Because of our sinful nature, no one was qualified to fill this need. This sinless person also had to be willing to die a horrible death on the cross and take on the sins of the world, in order to reconcile all mankind with God.

Have you ever heard the saying, “Jesus paid a debt He didn’t owe, and we owed a debt we couldn’t pay”? The one who never sinned gave His life for our sins.

**God had to send His only begotten son because no one else could do it!**

There was not one other person in the world or beyond who could have done what Jesus did!

The Bible says in Hebrews 9:22, “...without the shedding of blood is no remission” (of sin). While He was hanging on the cross, Jesus could have called down legions of angels to rescue Him, but He knew we needed His blood to cleanse us – to save us. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) says,

*“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*

## **Jesus Came to Set Us Free From Bondages and Strongholds**

Before Jesus came, mankind was not only dealing with a sinful nature, but we were under the bondage of sin. The Apostle Paul described our condition as being “slaves to sin”. We were helpless and hopeless against its power – in bondage to carnal thinking, addictions, pride, lust, stubbornness and other strongholds that hinder our progress and growth in Christ.

When Jesus died on the cross, the power of sin was broken! We no longer have to live in bondage to our sinful nature and sin has no power over us. The Bible says in John 8:36, *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*

This is why we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ – His birth was the birth of our victory!

## **Jesus Came to Bring Light to a Dark World**

John 3:19 says,

*“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*

Do you remember what Adam and Eve did when they heard God's voice after they had eaten the forbidden fruit? They hid. Our natural tendency in the flesh is to try to camouflage our sin by staying in "darkness" (representing deception and hidden things) rather than walking in the light which represents truth, openness and clarity. The light reveals and exposes – which to a carnal mind seems like a bad thing...but like Bishop Dukes often says, "If you reveal it, God will heal it...if you expose it, God will close it."

God doesn't want us to walk in darkness. In John 8:12 (KJV), Jesus said, "*...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.*" Thank God for His light!

As we walk in the light of Christ, we begin to reflect His light – and it shines for all to see. People notice "something different" about you. At work, at school, at home...everywhere you go. Your peace, joy, resilience, compassion, wisdom, the way you handle conflict, disappointment, etc. – it's all showing the light of Christ inside of you. Matthew 5:16 says, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*"

## **Jesus Came to Bring Great Joy**

Shepherds watching their flocks by night saw angels suddenly appear! Luke 2:10-11 says,

*"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

The birth of Jesus brought joy! Before He performed one miracle, before He healed anyone, before He gave His life to save us...His very arrival brought joy, hope for this fallen world and the promise of abundant life for all those who believe on Him.

Jesus' life brought joy to the world as He taught and preached the Word of God, saved souls, healed the sick, raised the dead, and equipped and empowered the leadership of the church.

Jesus even brought joy in His death, resurrection and ascension – when He "led captivity captive" – overthrowing the power of death, hell and the grave. We now experience the joy of knowing that all those who accept Christ as Savior and Lord

will live abundant lives on Earth and then live with Him forever in heaven.

## **Jesus Came to Give Us Abundant Life**

John 10:10 says,

*“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

Thank God for the abundant life we have in Christ! Unlike a thief, the Lord Jesus did not come for selfish reasons. He came so that people could have life in Him that is meaningful, purposeful, joyful, and eternal. We receive this abundant life the moment we accept Him as our Savior.

## **Conclusion**

God looked down through time and saw us – spiritually destitute and without hope. God sent His only begotten Son Jesus down to be born, crucified, die and rise again with all power in His hand. And through His life, we can have life! Jesus is the reason for the season...and His love and compassion for each and every one of us is the reason that He came!

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024**

**Jesus Came to Reconcile Us Back to God**

1. **Circle the correct answer** – From whom did we inherit our sin nature?
  - a. Fred and Wilma
  - b. George and Weezy
  - c. Adam and Eve
  - d. None of the above
  
2. **Circle the correct answer** – Before Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross, how did people receive forgiveness of their sins?
  - a. By flipping a coin
  - b. By sacrificing an animal without spot or blemish
  - c. By wearing orange clothes
  - d. None of the above
  
3. **Circle the correct answer** – According to the lesson, in order to bridge the gap between us and God once and for all, we needed a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pretentious sacrament
  - b. purple scarf
  - c. perfect sacrifice
  - d. All of the above
  
4. **Circle the correct answer** – Hebrews 9:22 says, "...without the shedding of blood is no remission". According to the lesson, what does "remission" mean?
  - a. greeting
  - b. forgiveness
  - c. pain
  - d. promotion
  
5. **Fill in the blanks** – 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) says, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed...but with the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, a lamb without blemish or defect."

## Jesus Came to Set Us Free From Bondages and Strongholds

6. **Write the scripture** – John 8:36 (KJV)

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## Jesus Came to Bring Light to a Dark World

7. **Circle the correct answer** – In John 8:12 (KJV), Jesus said, “...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a. light of lights
- b. time of miracles
- c. pride of ownership
- d. light of life

## Jesus Came to Bring Great Joy

8. **Circle the correct answer** – Luke 2:10-11 says, “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of \_\_\_\_\_, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a \_\_\_\_\_, which is Christ the Lord.”

- a. great value, Saviour
- b. great joy, Saviour
- c. good golly, Saviour
- d. goodness gracious, Saviour

## Jesus Came to Give Us Abundant Life

9. **Circle the correct answer** – John 10:10 says, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have \_\_\_\_\_, and that they might have it \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a. life, less appropriately
- b. life, less actively
- c. life, more abundantly
- d. life, less abundantly