

He Came to Earth to Redeem our Soul!

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May 2024 Communion * Theme: Jesus was sent to save us from divine wrath

John 8:58, *Before Abraham was, I Am*
Matthew 22:37 *Love God with all your heart*
Genesis 1:1 / John 1:1 *In the beginning*
Acts 3:13-14 *Ye denied the Holy One*
Isaiah 53:5 *He was wounded for our sins*
John 16:23 *Whatsoever ye shall ask*
Luke 23:34, *Father, forgive them*
John 15:12 *Love one another*
Romans 10:9 *If you confess with your mouth*
2 Cor 5:21 *God made him to be sin for us*
Acts 4:12 *Salvation is found in no one else*
Matthew 23:5 *All they do is to be seen*

Jesus came to earth to pay the sin-debt He *did not owe* for a world that *could not pay*.

He did what He did for every living soul on earth because of His *immense* and *intense love* for everyone. Jesus is eternal and always existed—

AV John 8:58, “*Before Abraham was, I am.*”

It all began AV Genesis 1:1 “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*”

AV John 1:1 “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*”

Jesus *created* everything, *knows* everything, and He *opens the gate* to let us into Heaven—we just meet the one requirement—to believe Jesus did what He did to *forgive* our sins and to *redeem* our soul.

We are assured of *receiving* what Jesus gave His life on the Cross to make possible. It is why He *did* what He *did* for us!

If we need healing, protection, peace, attitude change, spiritual conviction, or divine guidance, we can be *sure* of receiving it from the **Great I AM!**

AV John 16:23 “*Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.*”

Jesus came to earth to do what only He could do for a world heading for destruction.

He would not gain *anything* from what He did but His creation would gain eternal life if they believe in Him and trust on His power to deliver. All that Jesus *suffered* was for the people He loves.

His example is one of pure and unselfish love for others—the definition of true grace and divine love in action and atoning for everyone’s sins only *He* could make.

Now we must *believe* in Him; We have to *trust* Him; And we are required to obey His command to AV John 15:12 “*Love one another, as I have loved you.*”

His intense love for us is why He took *our* place and bore *our* pains; It is why He shed *His* Blood to forgive *our* sins; And it is why we can be *sure* to stand before the Father with our sins erased.

AV 2 Corinthians 5:21 “*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*”

Jesus coming to earth was never about *Him* but always about *us*—the people He loves.

His lowly birth in Bethlehem is the example of humility we all need to follow. He had no palace nor luxuries of a King—as it was never about *Him* but only about *us*.

Jesus lived a lowly life among lowly people as our example. Nazareth, the hometown of

Jesus, is described as a poor village in northern Israel. The inhabitants were mostly uneducated and from a poor background.

After the Last Supper and in Gethsemane, Judas Iscariot had to point out to the religious leaders which one was Jesus.

The Lord never stood out among His followers like the Pharisees and Sadducees who dressed in long robes and wanted to look important.

AV Matthew 23:5 “*All their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments.*”

When Jesus healed people, He told them not to make Him known—as it was always about *them* and not about *Him*.

When about 30 years of age AV Acts “*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*”

The one word that sums up Jesus’ message to the world is “*love!*” The great commandment

AV Matthew 22:37 “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*”

We are to love God with our whole being—and leave nothing out. It is not just *part* of our heart, but with *all* our heart, soul, and mind.

The second command is equally important—to love others as He loved all of us.

Imagine a world with no anger, no hatred, no jealousy, no hard feelings, or resentment—just divine love for everyone and helping anyone as God gives the opportunity.

That is far removed from the world today that moves further and further from God’s Word.

It is surprising that God loves the people He created and wants to redeem their soul even though they have no love toward Him and no intention of living the life He describes.

He loves the sinner and is doing everything possible to redeem their souls. It is divine love in action.

Kings in the first century had complete loyalty of their subjects—who took an oath to stand between the king and any danger—they would take the sword for the king.

Jesus is the King of the universe, but He did not ask His followers to do that. Instead, He took the cross for *them* and gave *His* life to redeem *their* souls.

As God, Jesus performed miracles of healing, and yet the religious leaders were filled with rage when He healed on the Sabbath.

He healed the centurion's servant with a word from miles away; stilled a raging storm; delivered many people of a horrible skin disease; cast out demons; and fed thousands at one time.

Jesus selected twelve disciples who were lowly fishermen—and one later betrayed Him for money.

Most were uneducated and had no social status, but He would teach and train them to proclaim the Gospel message to the world. His disciples knew He was the Messiah.

Jesus was rejected by the ones He came to redeem. His message was to love one another as He loved them; to forgive as He forgives them; and who did good for those who called for his death.

They threatened to riot if He was not crucified. They asked for a *murderer* instead the *Deliverer* to be released.

The apostles told those who rejected Jesus **AV Acts 3:13** “*The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified*

his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 *But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;*

15 *And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.”*

With all the miracles of healing He performed, you would think that they would have known Jesus was the Messiah who alone could save them.

They knew the Scriptures that spoke of the Messiah **AV Isaiah 53:5** “*He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*

The anguish, pain, and suffering Jesus went through for everyone is because of His intense love for them.

The mocking, the crown of thorns, the rejection and humiliation He endured was to redeem our *souls* and forgive our *sins*.

When suffering intense pain, He said **AV Luke 23:34**, “*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”*

That is love to the highest degree! It was always about those He came to save. He just asks us to believe He is the One sent by the Father to redeem our soul.

We pray for God to help us confess with our *words* and believe in our *hearts* that His Son gave His life to redeem us.

AV Romans 10:9 “*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”*

Jesus left a perfect kingdom in Heaven and came to a sinful world on earth—only His great eternal love made our Savior go.

He came to pain and great suffering, to scourges and stripes; to a crown of thorns; intense pain; and death on the cross for those who fall woefully short of His glory and goodness. He came *not* for Himself but for us!

By His death and by our faith in Him, He can present us holy, blameless, and sinless before the Father. That is why He came to earth—to redeem our soul and to save us from the Lake of Fire.

Jesus came to *help* and to *heal* all who receive Him.

AV Acts 4:10 “*Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.”*

Jesus is the cornerstone that supports everything else in the Christian life. He is the only One who could save us from inevitable destruction.

NIV Acts 4:12 “*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

His love for us is why He came to *save* us and to *redeem* our soul!



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