

WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

INTRODUCTION

Hymns #382 and #386 ask the question, "Why did my Savior come to earth?"

No better answer is given than the heavenly ones which came from Jesus Himself.

Jesus expresses truth regarding this from both a negative and positive standpoint.
Here are some of Jesus' answers:

1. (Matt 5:17-18) "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did **not come to destroy but to fulfill**. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law **till all is fulfilled**."

"**Destroy**" - (W.E. Vine) "throw down; overthrow; dissolve;" so, Jesus did not come to oppose, ignore, repudiate, or overthrow the law.

"**Fulfill**" - accomplished; complete; expired; finish.

Examples of something being "fulfilled" -

(Matthew 1:21-23) "... So all this was done that it might **be fulfilled** ... "

(Luke 4:16-20) "... Today this Scripture **is fulfilled** in your hearing."

(Luke 24:44) "... that all things must **be fulfilled** which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

(Colossians 2:14) "having **wiped out** the handwriting of requirements (ordinances) that was against us, which was contrary to us.

And He has **taken it out of the way**, having nailed it to the cross."

"one jot or one tittle ... **till all is fulfilled**"

The Law and Prophets will stand "**till all is fulfilled**" or would remain in force till it accomplished that which God intended it to accomplish.

(Galatians 3:19-25) "What purpose does the law serve? ... **till the Seed should come** ... **But before faith came**, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed ... that we might be justified by faith. **But after faith has come**, we are no longer under a tutor."

2. (Matthew 10:34-39) "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. **I did not come to bring peace but a sword**. For I have come to set a man against his father ... a man's enemies will be of his own household ... "

(John 15:18-19) "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ... I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

We sing: "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No! There's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me."

3. (Matthew 20:25-28) "... And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

"but to serve" - minister; attendant; fill the bill; perform; helpful.

"and to give His life a ransom for many"

"ransom" - to liberate by paying a price; to redeem; to free or release.
(1 Timothy 2:5-6; Galatians 1:3-4; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

4. (Luke 5:30-32) "... those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**"

This is not an admission by Jesus that the Pharisees were "in health" spiritually, but that they viewed themselves as righteous. They were "sick," too.

"those who are sick ... sinners" - (Romans 3:10, v23; Jeremiah 8:22).

Jesus is the only Great Physician: (1 Peter 2:24; Acts 4:12)

5. (John 6:38) "**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, But the will of Him who sent Me.**"

(John 4:34) "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work"

(John 8:29) "... for I always do those things that please Him"

(Luke 22:41-43) "... nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done"

6. (John 10:10) "The thief does not come except to steal, to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly**"

People will hear that and respond, "Hey, I have a life, don't need to get a life."

Jesus is adding a joyous eternal life, spiritual blessings, to your physical life.

7. (John 12:46) **“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness”** - (John 8:12)

(John 3:16-21) “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish ... (v18) **He who believes in Him is not condemned** ... (v19) And this is **the condemnation**, that light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light** ... (v21) But he who does the truth comes to the light ... “

(v18) **“he who believes in Him is not condemned”** -
(Romans 8:1-2; 1 John 1:6-7)

(v19) **“this is the condemnation ... men loved darkness rather than light”**

(v46) **“whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness”**
(Ephesians 4:17-20) **“you should no longer walk as the Gentiles walk ... “**

Characteristics of walking or abiding in the light:

Light dispels darkness
Light does not shine for its own benefit or to call attention to itself
Light shines openly or without partiality
Light costs when it shines
Light will be seen - (Mtt. 5:13-16) **“cannot be hidden ...)**

8. (John 12:47-50) **“... for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world ... The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day ... And I know that His command is everlasting life ... “**

There will be a **judgment “in the last day”** - (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Thess. 1:7-10)

Judgment will be according to the Word: **“His command is everlasting life”**
(Revelation 20:11-12) **“... by the things written in the books”**
(Romans 2:2) **“But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth”**
(John 17:17) **“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth”**

(v47) **“... but to save the world”** - (Matthew 1:21; Romans 5:8-10, 8:1-2)

9. (John 18:37-38) **“Pilate therefore said to Him, Are You a king then? Jesus answered, You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice ... “**

“For this cause I was born” - (1 Timothy 6:15) **“the King of kings”**

(John 12:12-15) **“... the King of Israel ... your King is coming ... “**
Quotes from Psalm 118:25-26 and Zachariah 9:9)

**“And for this cause I have come into the world,
that I should bear witness to the truth”**

In (John 5:31-37) Jesus gives 5 witnesses to the truth of Him being God’s Son:

(v31) “If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true”

Meaning, just because someone says it, does not make it true; but
(John 8:13-14) “ ... Jesus answered them, Even if I bear witness
of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and
where I am going; but you do not know where I came from and
where I am going.”

(v32-33) “ ... **John**, and he has borne witness to the truth”

(v36) “But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which
the Father has given Me to finish - **the very works that I do** -
bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me”

(v37) “And **the Father Himself**, who sent Me, has testified of Me ...
But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent,
Him you do not believe”

(v39) “You search **the Scriptures**, for in them you think
you have eternal life; **and these are they which testify of Me**.
But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.”

(text) (John 18:38) “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice”

(John 10:16) “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold;
them also I must bring, **and they will hear My voice**,
and there will be one flock and one shepherd”

(Matthew 17:1-6) (v6) “ ... This is My beloved Son,
In whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**”

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