WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

INTRODUCTION - Hymns #382 and #386 ask this question.

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

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

- 1. (Matthew 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 ... till all is fulfilled"
- 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 ... "
- 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."
- 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."
- 5. (Luke 9:53-56) " ... You do not know what manner of spirit you are of, for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them. And they went to another village."

(Luke 19:9-10) "... Today salvation is come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

6. (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."

7. (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"

8. (John 12:27) "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour." Note (v32)

(Mark 8:31) "And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."

(Mark 9:31) "For He taught His disciples and said to them, The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day"

(Mark 10:32-34) "... Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

9. (John 12:46) "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness" Note (John 8:12)

(John 3:16-21) " \dots light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light \dots "

10. (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 ... " Note (John 3:17)

11. (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 ..."

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

- 1) (v31) "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true" Note (John 8:13-14)
- 2) (v32-33) "... John, and he has borne witness to the truth"
- 3) (v36) "But I have a greater witness than John's ... the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me"
- 4) (v37) "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me ... because whom He sent, Him you do not believe"
- 5) (v39) "You search the Scriptures ... these are they which testify of Me ... "