

Jesus' Mission

The Reasons For Christ's Coming

Several passages specifically identify the reason Jesus came into the world. In other words, His mission or purpose. Reflect on these so as to understand Jesus better.

In His Own Words

- Matthew 5:17* ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.
- Matthew 9:13* ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
- Matthew 10:34-35* ³⁴ "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
- Matthew 20:28* ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Mark 1:38* Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."
- Luke 4:18-21* ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹ and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
- Luke 4:43* ⁴³ But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."
- Luke 12:49* ⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"
- Luke 19:10* ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."
- John 3:16-17* ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
- John 9:39* ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."
- John 10:10* ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- John 12:46-47* ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. ⁴⁷ "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.
- John 18:37* ³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

In Others' Words

- Matthew 1:21* ²¹ *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*
- Acts 10:38* ³⁸ *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*
- 1 Timothy 1:15* ¹⁵ *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*
- 1 John 3:8* ⁸ *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

Other Passages About Jesus' Coming

- John 5:43* ⁴³ *I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.*
- John 16:28* ²⁸ *I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."*