

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Why did my Savior come to earth
And to the humble go?
Why did He choose a lowly birth?
Because He loved me so!
Refrain:
He loved me so, He loved me so;
He gave His precious life for me, for me,
Because He loved me so.

There are many who quote (John 3:16) and form their belief that God's love extends to all mankind without consideration of any returned love toward God. The "God loves and accepts us as we are and there is no need to change" attitude is seen throughout society. If this idea is true, then God's love and grace would be powerful enough to save everyone without having to send His son to die on a cross. So, there must be one or more reasons that caused Jesus to come to earth. Also, there seems to be a qualification in saving mankind placed on God's love by Jesus in (John 16:27) *for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.* Also, there is a statement of what God expects for His love in (1John 5:3), *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*

The Hebrew writer explains many things concerning the WHY of the Christ and the things He endured. He writes of the necessity of Him taking on flesh and blood in (Hebrews 2:9-10). *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."* So the short answer to the question is that He came to earth to die. The long answer would require an explanation of God's justice and the qualifications of the sacrifice for sins.

As God the Son, He is eternal and cannot die, (spirits do not have flesh and blood). The angels could not accomplish all that was needed because they are created beings rather than the being that created. So it was necessary for the creator to come to earth in a form that could be the sacrifice for mankind.

Additionally, He had to learn what it was like to obey. As the Word, (John 1;1-5), he brought the "commands, statutes, requirements, and judgements" of God to mankind. Also, Jesus did not have to learn to obey. (John 8:29) *And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.* But He did have to understand the temptations, discomforts, pain, and suffering that people endure. (Hebrews 5:8) *though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.* Some versions of the New Testament read *Although He was God's Son,* showing that He was not one of many but the only Son of God.

He needed to master the special discipline of a severe human experience to fulfill the office of a high priest who could sympathize with the feelings of human infirmities. He had to endure "the special course of submission" to have firsthand knowledge of what humans endure. This is similar to his

growth in wisdom, (Luke 2:52). Growth in human experiences was an essential part of his humanity.

The savior had to come to earth to change us from worldly creatures into spiritual children of God. (Ephesians 2:10) *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* There are words to teach us how God's children are to live, work, and love; (Romans 12), (Ephesians 4 through 6), and (1 Corinthians 13) to list but a few.

It was also necessary that we be provided with an example of how to live before our God. Jesus came to earth to provide that example. (John 13:15) *For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.* Peter was transformed by Jesus and wrote advice for us as we read in (1 Peter 2:21) *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps...*

Paul encourages those he taught to imitate his example only as it conformed to the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1) *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.* Note the qualities of the example that Paul itemizes for Timothy in (1 Timothy 4:12). ...in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

The conduct of which even Pilate could find no wrong, the agape love of a sacrificial nature, the godly spirit to do only good to all mankind, an unshakable faith in God the Father, and in the purity of mind and body of a individual made over in the likeness of Christ.

How closely do each of us match the example?