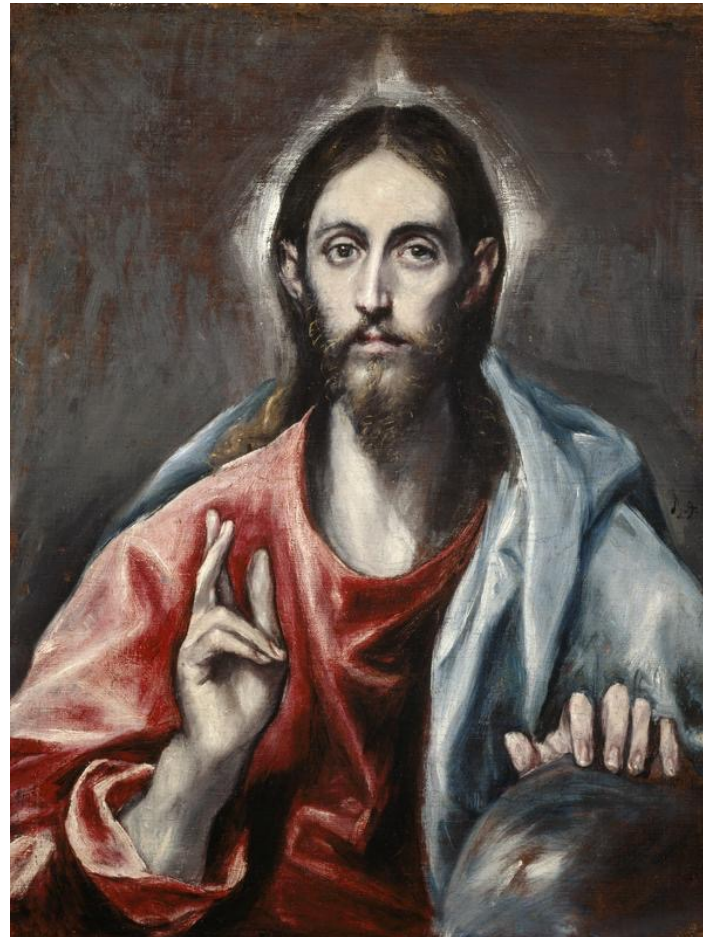


# Why Jesus Came to Earth



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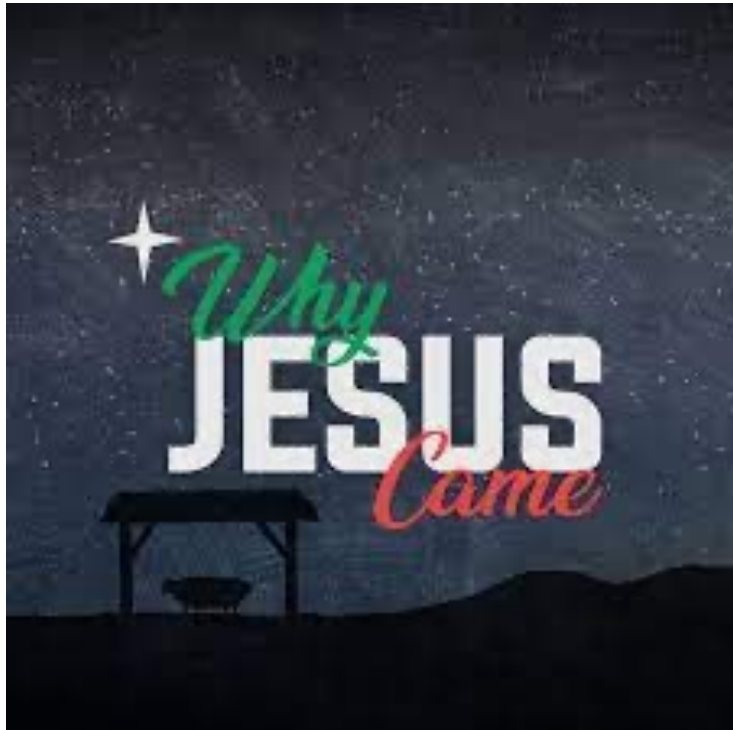


- Helping people meet Christ
- Helping people mature in Christ
- Helping people minister with Christ

# I Believe in Jesus

I believe in Jesus  
I believe he is the son of God  
I believe he died and rose again  
I believe he paid for us all  
I believe he is here now  
Standing in our midst  
Here with the power to heal now  
And the grace to forgive

# Why Jesus Came to Earth



Jesus came:

- to Live Among Us, as One of Us
- to "Do and Teach" – to show God's love, and to teach us His ways
- to Die, and Rise Again

# 1: Jesus Came to Live Among Us

## O Come, O Come Immanuel

- John 1:14 : "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."
- Matthew 1:23 declares that Jesus is Immanuel, which means "God with us."

# 1: Jesus Came to Live Among Us

- Jesus shared, and identified with, our human experiences, joys, and struggles.
- Jesus showed us how to live a life pleasing to God.
- He exemplified humility, compassion, and selflessness.

## 2. Jesus Came to Teach God's Truth and Demonstrate His Love

- Acts 1:1: “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about **all that Jesus began to do and to teach**”.
- Jesus came to proclaim the Kingdom of God - Matthew 4:17 - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
- He demonstrated the reality of the Kingdom through His **actions** (Miracles; Engagement with people; Divine power and compassion; Forgiveness)

## 2. Jesus Came to Teach God's Truth and Demonstrate His Love

### Teaching of Jesus:

- Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5 – 7)
- Parables (several references)
- The Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:9-13)
- The Last Supper (Matt 26:26 – 29)
- Farewell Discourse (John 13 – 17)
- Conversations with Nicodemus and the Samaritan Woman (John 2: 1 – 21, John 4:1-41)
- Teaching in the Temple (Matt 21:12-16; Mark 11: 15-19); Luke 19: 45-48)
- Olivet Discourse (Matt 24; Mark 13; Luke 21)



## 3. Jesus Came to Die and Rise Again

1 Cor 15:22:

“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

Rom 5:12, 18:

<sup>12</sup> “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned

<sup>18</sup> “Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.”

# 3. Jesus Came to Die and Rise Again

Matthew 20:28 - "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Purpose of Jesus' Death

- a. Atonement for Sin – sin has to be punished
- b. Reconciliation of man with God
- c. Redemption and Forgiveness of sin
- d. Justification – the guilty have to be transformed into those viewed as righteous  
*(Romans 4:25 - "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.")*
- e. Defeat of the Powers of Darkness
- f. Establishment of the New Covenant
- g. Demonstration of the extreme love of God.

# 3. Jesus Came to Die and Rise Again

The Reality of the Resurrection - **Luke 24:6-7** - "He is not here; he has risen!"

## What Does the Resurrection Demonstrate?

- a. Verification of Jesus' Identity
- b. Confirmation of Victory Over Death
- c. Confirmation of God's Acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice
- d. Assurance of Justification for believers
- e. Confirmation of the Defeat of Satan and Sin
- f. Anchoring of Hope of Resurrection for Believers
- g. Empowerment of Believers by the Holy Spirit
- h. Provision of a solid foundation of Christian Faith
- i. Assurance of Christ's Presence Today

# What to Remember!!

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2. to “Do and Teach” – to show God’s love, and to teach us His ways

3. to Die, and Rise Again

# What It Means For Us

- Embracing His Mission
- Embracing His example.
- Receiving Salvation
- Sharing the Good News

## Take Away

Jesus came to earth for a divine purpose that encompasses living among us, demonstrating God's love and teaching God's truth, and offering His life for our redemption, and his resurrection as an anchor for our hope of eternal life. His life, acts, teaching, death, and resurrection are not mere historical events (which they are!) but the very essence of our faith. **Let them empower us today!**