

WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH

The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). **Isaiah 7: 14**

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. **John 1: 1 & 14**

1. Jesus came to earth to erase the MISCONCEPTIONS about God.

Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth.

John 18: 37

No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is Himself God and is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. **John 1: 18**

And now in these final days, God has spoken to us through his Son...The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God...

Hebrews 1: 2-3

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. **Colossians 1: 15a**

He [Jesus] is a light to reveal God to the nations... **Luke 2: 32**

Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! **John 14: 9**

2. Jesus came to earth to express the LOVE of God.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3: 16

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. **1 John 4: 9-10**

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

Ephesians 3: 18-19

3. Jesus came to earth to enable us to have a RELATIONSHIP with God.

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1: 5

So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. Romans 5: 11

You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3: 26

But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. John 1: 12

4. Jesus came to earth to empower us to fulfill the MISSION of God.

Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. John 17: 18

Christmas is more than a holiday to enjoy, it is a life to be lived. How do you live Christmas? The answer: Philippians 2: 3-11

• **Think about others with the MIND of Christ.**

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves...you must have the same attitude that Christ had (v. 3).

• **Look at others with the EYES of Christ.**

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too (v. 4).

• **Embrace others with the ARMS of Christ.**

Though he was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up His divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born a human being (vs. 5-7).

• **Serve others with the HEART of Christ.**

When he appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross (v. 8).

• **Proclaim to others the SAVING NAME of Christ.**

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (vs. 9-11).