

## The Reason HE Came – (part 1) – John 18:37

Intro. - "Remember the reason for the season" is a common phrase this time of the year. We are going to end this year with a short series (3 wk) along this vein. But instead of me supplying *the reason* I want to explore what Jesus said was *the reason* HE came. I have found 15 times where our Lord specifically defines why He came. Many times Jesus clearly explains why it was that He was born and came...

Some of these reasons are well known among the redeemed but others are a little more surprising and even puzzling. Jesus said that a good teacher is like an owner of a house that brings out of the storeroom new treasures as well as old (Matt. 13:52). I have used this verse as a catalyst/pattern for my own philosophy of ministry. There are truths that I need to keep coming back to (repetitive - old, old story) but there is also a need to bring out new treasures from the storehouse. Not new truths but things that are new because they don't get the same exposure as others (ride in the same rut of topics). The whole counsel of God needs to be proclaimed. Old/New treasures on the reason He came

None of the REASONS today are shockingly "new" but they are necessary to understand Christ's coming. Christ came to be a proclaimer of the truth and a fulfiller of the truth.

Jesus was a preacher who practiced what He preached so He could provide for His hearers.

### He came to be a Preacher

- Jesus came to proclaim. He came to preach Mark 1:38 Luke 4:43
  - Jesus' ministry was full of amazing miracles the people wanted more
  - But Christ's main purpose was to proclaim a message not to perform a miracle
    - The miracles testified to the importance and veracity of the message
    - The miracle were the proof but His message was the pudding
- No one ever spoke like Jesus John 7:46
  - The people marveled at the gracious words from His lips Luke 4:22
  - His parables and preaching out lasted and outshined all the healing
- Jesus spoke and preached with authority Matt. 7:28-29 Luke 4:32
  - Religious leader cited other authorities - Jesus cited Himself Jesus is the authority
  - He is the Word of God John 1 Rev. 19:13
  - Jesus is the Prophet that was to come Deut. 18:18-20
    - One like Moses but greater than Moses Heb. 1:1-2
      - Jesus is The Prophet beyond compare
    - came to stand before men and to speak for God and proclaim word as The Word
    - Jesus only spoke what the Father taught Him John 8:28
- As the ultimate Prophet/Preacher He came to proclaim the Truth
  - John 18:37 Jesus is the Truth - John 14:6
  - Jesus came to proclaim truth and is the final authority of Truth – He came to proclaim

## He came to be a Fulfiller

1. Matthew 5:17 - as a preacher he didn't come to do away with law/prophets - but fulfill them!
  - a. There is perfect continuity with God's word. THE Word came to declare it and fulfill it
  - b. Jesus is the culmination and consummation of all the scripture - He is The WORD
  - c. Jesus is the conclusion of His own sermon - He is the BE ALL & END ALL of IT ALL
2. John 6:38 He came to keep the law to do God's will
  - a. Heb. 10:5-7 "a body prepared ...it is written about Me...I have come to do Your will
  - b. Born of woman, born under the law Gal. 4:4-5
    - i. Jesus was born to obey!
  - c. As a child He knew He must be about His Father's business Luke 2:49
  - d. He obeyed His whole life. He kept it all. He fulfilled every aspect of Gods will/law
    - i. Learned obedience from what He suffered Heb. 5:8
    - ii. obedient unto death Phil. 2:8
    - iii. He didn't come to do His own will but the will of Him who sent Him
3. Jesus came to preach but He also came to practice what He preached
  - a. It is aggravating when preachers don't practice what they preach
  - b. All preachers fall short in this....except ONE Jesus practiced what He preached
  - c. He faithfully proclaimed God's will and He faithfully did God's will – fulfilled it all
  - d. He did the Fathers business and the Father said, ".....with Him I am well pleased
  - e. Jesus came to be a preacher and to practice what He preached as a FULFILLER

## He came to be a Provider

- Jesus came to preach and practice what He preached so He could provide for His hearers
  - Jesus was born under the law to redeem those under the law – Gal. 4:4-5
    - Jesus was born to obey so He could convey His obedience to us!
    - Jesus kept all the law because I broke all the law - kept for me
    - Jesus practiced what He preached because I don't - He did it for me
    - Jesus provides His perfection to His putrid followers
    - Jesus is everything I am not and everything He did was to provide for His people
    - Revel in Christ's provision!
- John 18:37 ".....Everyone on the side of the truth listens to Me"
  - Jesus' message is not a "hope so", "Maybe so", "might happen" kind of message
  - It is a "know so", "sure fire", "you can count on it, bank on it" guaranteed happening
  - Jesus came to preach the message, is the message, fulfills the message and guarantees the success of the message. "Everyone on the side of the truth will listen"
  - John 8:32 – know the truth and the truth WILL set you free
  - John 8:36 - if Son sets you free , you WILL be free INDEED
  - The Reason He came - He came to Preach. He came to practice what He preached. He came to provide for His hearers and guarantee that they would be free. He came to testify to the truth and guarantee that everyone on the side of truth would listen