

The Reason HE came - (part 2) - John 9:39

Intro - Do you know your purpose in life? What is the reason you exist? Important personal questions but questions Jesus had answers to about his individual life. Jesus knew why He was here. Jesus knew the reason He was born and came. 15+ times Jesus stated very clearly what His purpose in life was.

Last week we saw that He came to preach (Mark 1:38) and proclaim a message (John 18:37). He also came to fulfill the message He preached (Matt. 5:17). He practiced what He preached so He could provide His achievements to His hearers. He was born to obey so He could convey His righteousness to us. Jesus faithfully proclaimed God's will and obediently did God's will for us and in our place

This week we will note some other reasons...surprising reasons Jesus came. These reasons are given in contrast – positive and negative. Jesus lays out why He didn't come as well as why He did come. This is the time of the year we hear "remember the reason for the season" So let us, in this season, remember the reasons Jesus gave as the purpose of His coming.

JESUS CAME FOR SINNERS

- Jesus came with a certain segment of society in mind
 - There was a target audience for his message. A mission with His message
 - The "important" people objected to the kind of crowd Jesus concentrated on
- Matt. 9:12-13; Mark 2:16-17 did not come for the righteous but came to call sinners
 - Jesus states it negatively and positively on who His target audience is
 - Did not come for the righteous and "healthy"
 - Did come for the sinners and the "sick"
- This is good news for those who are bad. it is bad news for those who are "good"
 - Jesus' biggest enemies were the "best" of society. Religious leaders
 - His message offended their sensibilities. (highlighted sin and only God is good)
 - They were "too good" for His message that targeted bad people
 - People object to Jesus' message by declaring their "goodness" and self-righteousness
 - He didn't come to make nice people nicer or healthy people healthier
 - Jesus came to call sinners to repentance
 - Luke 18:9-14
- His 1st coming in Bethlehem illustrates this
 - Not announced to the movers and shakers in Jerusalem but to lowly shepherds
 - 1 Cor. 1:26-31
- Jesus came to point out our faults and then say that He is the fix
 - If you think you are good then Jesus did not come for you.
 - If you know you are bad then I have some good news for you
 - The reason He came was to call sinners to repentance

JESUS CAME FOR SIGHT

- John 9:39 “for judgment I have come into the world...blind see and.....see become blind
 - you might find this a surprising reason that He came. Jesus said this was a reason
 - A dual purpose given- give sight and make blind Both positive and negative
- Jesus’ purpose in coming was to give sight to the blind
 - Shown in His healing ministry
 - Jesus gave sight physically to demonstrate the spiritual sight He also dispenses
 - Why do some see the beauty of Christ and His gospel? Matt. 13:16
 - Jesus shows us our sin so we can see our need of Him
- Jesus’ purpose in coming was to make blind those who could see
 - Jesus’ gospel has a blinding effect on those who can “see”
 - Know-it-all’s can’t be taught.
 - The self-righteous can’t see their own sin
- John 12:37-40
 - After all that Jesus did they still refused to believe.
 - Jesus is the Light of the world. They were blinded by the light
 - They couldn’t see what was right in front of them
- Matt. 11:25-26
 - Hidden from the wise and learned but revealed to children
 - The reason He came was to give sight to the blind and.....who see become blind

JESUS CAME TO SEPARATE

- Luke 12:49-53 (Matt. 10:34-36)
 - This is a shocking/stark reason but it is a clear reason. Jesus came to separate
 - At this time of year we hear a lot about peace on earth and family togetherness
 - But Jesus said He did not come to bring peace....He came to cause division
- The gospel is not a peace at all cost message.....It is a peace only in Christ message
 - Christ’s message is so exclusive and so narrow that many will not accept
 - The person and work of Christ is a divider. You are on one side or the other
 - You are either for Him or against Him
 - Union with Christ is stronger than family ties. Families can feel this division
 - Bring up the issue of sin and no one being good/righteous - feel the separation
 - Bring up the truth of Jesus being the only way to heaven - get opposition
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd and He separates sheep from goats (Matt. 25:31-33)
 - Jesus separates the sinners from the self-righteous - He keeps and saves the sinners
 - Jesus divides the blind from the seeing - He causes the blind to see and believe
 - Jesus came to separate us from this world in order to unite us to Himself
- Jesus knew His purpose, He knew the reason He came
 - What is the purpose of your life? What is reason you came here or are hearing this?
 - Sinners to repent Blind to see be united to Christ in eternal family