

The Reason HE came - (part 3) - John 12:27-28

Intro - This is the last Lords Day of 2020. A good time to reflect. A lot of “why” questions about this year. Reflect on why HE came. This is the 3rd Sunday we have considered “the reason He came.” “Remember the reason for season” is common so been exploring the reasons Jesus gave for His coming. 15 x’s + Jesus specifically defines why He came. Contemplating Christ’s coming is....

- He came to preach/proclaim a message. He is the Word of God and He came to proclaim it. He is truth and He came to testify to truth. He also came to fulfill the truth He taught. He came to practice what He preached. He was born to obey so He could His merits to His hearers.
 - He practiced what he preached so He could provide His righteousness to His people
- He came with a targeted message for sinners. As the Light of the world He came to give sight to the blind and His light also blinds those who think they can see. He also came to separate the world into those for Him and against Him. Union with Christ is a stronger bond than family

Today - He came: to Suffer, to Serve, to Sacrifice, to Give Life, and to Lead out of Darkness

HE CAME TO SUFFER

- John 12:27 “My soul is troubled....for this very reason I came...”
 - The reason Jesus came was to suffer. Part of His purpose was suffering
- Isaiah 53:3 a man of sorrows/suffering and familiar with pain Suffering defined Him
 - This has specific reference to the climax of His suffering on the cross
 - But Jesus experience suffering His entire life on this earth. Pain was His purpose
 - Difficulty of being in poor family. Though rich He became poor... (2 Cor. 8:9)
 - Threat on life at 2 and had to flee to foreign land
 - Experienced hunger, thirst, frustration, temptation
 - He knew hatred from enemies and betrayal friends, family who didn’t believe
 - He knows what it like to weep by the side of a friends tomb
 - He felt forsaken by God He suffered aloneness and death itself
- Jesus came to suffer so He could sympathize with sinners as well a save sinners
 - He shared in our humanity. Humanity suffers with sin, misery and death and so did He
 - Heb. 2:18 Heb. 4:15
 - Job 14:1 – “Man, born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.”
 - Jesus said “ My soul is troubled...for this reason I came. He came to suffer

HE CAME TO SERVE

- Matthew 20:28a (Mark 10:45) “...Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve...”
 - The reason He came was to suffer and serve. Jesus is the Suffering Servant
- Jesus served His Father. The Father sent Him and the Son submitted and served

- Jesus served His rebellious creatures that sinned against Him. He served humanity
 - Served His parents while in their house. He served His nation and people
 - He served the sick, blind and lame. He served the rich and the poor and the alien
 - He served the demon possessed, religious fanatics, thieves and prostitutes
 - He served the hungry, the thirsty and the needy. He served the outcasts and the uppity
 - He served His disciples – washed feet. He served sinners and died in their place
 - In the kingdom Jesus will dress Himself to serve us?!!!! Luke 12:37
- Jesus said that the greatest is the slave of all. (Matt. 20:26-27; Mark 10:43-44)
 - Well.....Jesus is the greatest. The greatest submissive servant
 - To be Christ-like is to be submissive and to serve suffering servant

HE CAME TO SACRIFICE

- Mark 10:45 “...to give His life as a ransom for many.”
 - He came to suffer with sinners, to serve sinners, to sacrifice Himself for sinners
- Jesus came as a substitute
 - He came to take our place in life to earn eternal life for us
 - He came to take our place in death to pay the price of eternal death
 - Jesus sacrificed Himself as the price for sins offence
 - The ransom was not that we were worth it but our sin deserved it
- My sin was so great, so heinous, ...the debt so high...so offensive it incurred an eternal price
 - The higher the crime the higher the bond
 - The eternal Son gave Himself as the ransom for my eternal consequences
- 3 big reasons -- to suffer to serve to sacrifice- 1 John 3:16

HE CAME TO GIVE LIFE

John 10:10 “...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”

- Jesus came to the dying to bring life, to the suffering to bring relief, to the sinner to bring righteousness, to the hellbound to make heavenbound, to the dead to raise to newness of life
- My mother-in-law died a few days ago - death is terrible intruder John 11:25-26

HE CAME TO LEAD OUT OF DARKNESS

John 12:46-47 He came to save us from a life of sin and darkness...not stay in darkness

- Gal. 1:3 Eph. 5:8 2 Cor. 5:17 Matt. 1:21
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It is well and good to list these reasons.....but do you believe He came for you?

An aspect of faith is knowing and believing that Jesus came, lived, died and rose for you personally.
The Reason He came was you.