**Isaiah 9**

**WHY JESUS CAME**

**FUNNY –** A couple were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas.

The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, she called him on her phone. "Where are you? the wife said. "You know we have lots to do."

He replied, "Do you remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace. I couldn't afford it at the time, and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up. "Yes, I do remember that shop" she replied.

"Well, I'm in the video game store next to it."

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**SO WHY DID JESUS COME?**

**I’LL GIVE FOUR REASONS:**

1. **JESUS CAME TO PROCLAIM GOD’S HEART**

**IT WAS JESUS WHO SAID…**

**John 3:16 (NKJV)** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son…”

**LIFE’S CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE A WAY OF MAKING YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD DOESN’T LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS HE USED TO**

**JESUS SAID … OH YES HE DOES!**

1. **JESUS CAME TO PREACH GOD’S WAYS**

**Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

**HE TAUGHT THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO REPENT OF THEIR SINS … BELIEVE … AND OBEY**

**THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE TODAY WHO NEED TO KNOW THAT IF THEY WILL REPENT OF THEIR SINS, PUT THEIR FAITH IN GOD AND OBEY HIM, HE WILL FORGIVE THEM … EMBRACE THEM AND MAKE THEM PART OF HIS FAMILY**

**THERE ARE ALSO MANY WHO CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT ALONG WITH BELIEVING, THEY NEED TO REPENT OF SINS AND OBEY THE LORD … NOT TO EARN SALVATION, BUT TO FOLLOW GOD**

1. **JESUS CAME TO TEACH THAT GOD IS OUR FINANCIAL PROVIDER**

**Luke 4:18 (NKJV)** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor…”

**Matthew 6:31–33 (NKJV)** “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

**EX – Less than two months ago (about the middle of October 2020) a couple started a House Church by the leading of the Holy Spirit. They knew they didn’t have enough space in their small mobile home to accommodate the vision God had given them, but they stepped out in faith and trusted God do His part to provide the space as they needed it. About three or four weeks into it, they were having a dozen people or more and it was feeling crowded. So they prayed and asked God to provide the space they needed for the church to grow. Let me read a few excerpts from an email they sent me:** *“A lady who showed up … for service and enjoyed the time with Jesus, as did we all. But we knew that God has shown us that our house church is going to be a bigger outreach to people for His sake than we could imagine ... So we asked God to somehow make His will known and do what He needed to do if growth was supposed to happen. Well ... God answered. The lady who came to our house church told us that we needed more room and then proceeded to give us her house!!! She owns it debt and mortgage free … and now ... we do! Praise God!!! It's more than double the size of our current home.”*

**I KNOW THAT GOD IS GOING TO PROVIDE POWERFULLY FOR PEOPLE WHO STEP OUT TO LAUNCH A HOUSE CHURCH … GOD IS STILL CALLING PEOPLE TO DO THAT … AND WE WILL SOON BE LAUNCHIG INTO OUR SECOND PHASE OF THE HOUSE CHURCH VISION**

**AND JESUS IS SPEAKING TO EVERYONE TODAY TELLING US NOT TO RELY ON THE US ECONOMY––GOOD OR BAD––BUT RATHER TO LOOK TO GOD AS OUR PROVIDER**

1. **JESUS CAME TO BE OUR HEALER**

**Matthew 8:16–17 (NLT)** … many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. **17** This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, “He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.”

**Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

**EX – A couple of weeks ago I received a testimony from someone who had a tumor that they doctors were concerned about and doing more tests to determine the best way to treat and remove it. And as they spoke God’s word to it, it disappeared. The doctor had to pull up a previous CAT scan to verify that they had not made a mistake, and sure enough as he looked at the two scans, it was a “Now you see it … now you don’t” miracle.**

**Jesus is still healing people today**

**For those of you who are sick, we will pray for your healing at the conclusion of the message**

1. **JESUS CAME TO BAPTIZE US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**John the Baptist announced to everyone shortly before Jesus started His ministry…**

**Luke 3:16 (NLT)** … “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Jesus said these things about the Holy Spirit…**

**John 16:7–13 (NKJV)** “… I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **… Verse 13** … when … the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth… and He will tell you things to come.”

**Acts 1:8 (NKJV)** “… you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**At the conclusion of this message I will pray for everyone who wants to be filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit**

**EX – I heard a testimony a couple of weeks ago about a 5 or 6-year old who was praying and got filled with the Holy Spirit … and received his spiritual language**

1. **JESUS CAME TO BE OUR KING**

**THOUGH THE PURPOSE OF HIS FIRST COMING WAS TO SAVE US, TO HEAL US AND TO EMPOWER US … THE PURPOSE OF HIS SECOND COMING IS TO BRING JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE BACK TO THE EARTH**

**JESUS WILL BE THE WORLDWIDE GOVERNMENTAL RULER**

**AS THE PROPHET ISAIAH PROPHESIED 700 YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN…**

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**THE ANGEL GABRIEL TOLD MARY THAT HER SOON-TO-BE-BORN BABY WOULD SOMEDAY BE THE WORLD-RULING KING**

**Luke 1:32–33 (ESV)** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

**NATIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE HAD TROUBLE WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP**

**I DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I AM STILL PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**

**MUCH OF THE NATION HAS BEEN PARALYZED AWAITING THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

**THOUGH ELECTIONS ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT, THEY SHOULD DETERMINE NEITHER OUR HAPPINESS NOR OUR CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE FUTURE**

**CORRUPTION HERE ON EARTH IS THE VERY REASON GOD SENT JESUS TO SAVE THE WORLD**

**GOD KNEW THAT AS LONG AS THERE WAS SIN IN THE WORLD, 1) HUMAN BEINGS WERE DESTINED FOR AN ETERNAL HELL, AND 2) MAN COULD NOT CONSISTENTLY GOVERN WITH JUSTICE AND TRUTH**

**JESUS WILL SOON COME AGAIN AND PUT AN END TO ALL THE CORRUPTION**

1. **MOST IMPORTANTLY … JESUS CAME TO BE OUR SAVIOR**

**The angel told Joseph…**

**Matthew 1:20–21 (NKJV)** “… do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

**If Jesus did not come to earth with human flesh … He could not have paid the price for our forgiveness of sins and eternal life.**

**The Bible says…**

**Romans 6:23 (NKJV)** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**If a person repents of their sin, puts their faith in Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, and serves Him, they will be saved from their sin and have eternal life in heaven with God**

**KNOWING––AND BELIEVING––ALL OF THIS WILL NOT ONLY MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS A WHOLE LOT MERRIER … IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE YOU WITH ETERNAL LIFE, FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD … HEALING … THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT … AND A POSITION IN THE GREATEST KINGDOM IN THE UNIVERSE … THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**AND NOW IT’S TIME FOR US TO PUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS**

1. **For Forgiveness**
2. **For Salvation**
3. **For Provision**
4. **For Healing**
5. **For the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**