

Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

- Some say Jesus came:
- To teach morals – and conclude his life was about ethics.
- Some say he came to fix the environment - so his life was about trees and plants.
- Some say he came to give us a model for manners and nice living – so the Bible is a book about etiquette!

- Luke 19:1-10 - He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

- Luke 19:1–10 (LBLA) — 1 Habiendo entrado Jesús en Jericó, pasaba por la ciudad. 2 Y un hombre llamado Zaqueo, que era jefe de los recaudadores de impuestos y era rico, 3 trataba de ver quién era Jesús; pero no podía a causa de la multitud, ya que él era de pequeña estatura. 4 Y corriendo delante, se subió a un sicómoro para verle, porque Jesús estaba a punto de pasar por allí. 5 Cuando Jesús llegó al lugar, miró hacia arriba y le dijo: Zaqueo, date prisa y desciende, porque hoy debo quedarme en tu casa. 6 Entonces él se apresuró a descender y le recibió con gozo. 7 Y al ver esto, todos murmuraban, diciendo: Ha ido a hospedarse con un hombre pecador. 8 Y Zaqueo, puesto en pie, dijo al Señor: He aquí, Señor, la mitad de mis bienes daré a los pobres, y si en algo he defraudado a alguno, se lo restituiré cuadruplicado. 9 Y Jesús le dijo: Hoy ha venido la salvación a esta casa, ya que él también es hijo de Abraham; 10 porque el Hijo del Hombre ha venido a buscar y a salvar lo que se había perdido.

- Zaccheus' name in Hebrew was *Zaccai* and his name meant *righteous one*.

- Luke 3:10-14 - *10 And the crowds were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?" 11 And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." 12 And some tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to." 14 Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."* NASU

- Luke 3:10–14 (LBLA) — *10 Y las multitudes le preguntaban, diciendo: ¿Qué, pues, haremos? 11 Respondiendo él, les decía: El que tiene dos túnicas, comparta con el que no tiene; y el que tiene qué comer, haga lo mismo. 12 Vinieron también unos recaudadores de impuestos para ser bautizados, y le dijeron: Maestro, ¿qué haremos? 13 Entonces él les respondió: No exijáis más de lo que se os ha ordenado. 14 También algunos soldados le preguntaban, diciendo: Y nosotros, ¿qué haremos? Y él les dijo: A nadie extorsionéis, ni a nadie acuséis falsamente, y contentaos con vuestro salario.*

- Luke 19:8 - But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
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- Luke 19:8 (LBLA) — 8 Y Zaqueo, puesto en pie, dijo al Señor: He aquí, Señor, la mitad de mis bienes daré a los pobres, y si en algo he defraudado a alguno, se lo restituiré cuadruplicado.

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- Matthew 20: 25-28 - *25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*
- Matthew 20:25–28 (LBLA) — *25 Pero Jesús, llamándolos junto a sí, dijo: Sabéis que los gobernantes de los gentiles se enseñorean de ellos, y que los grandes ejercen autoridad sobre ellos. 26 No ha de ser así entre vosotros, sino que el que quiera entre vosotros llegar a ser grande, será vuestro servidor, 27 y el que quiera entre vosotros ser el primero, será vuestro siervo; 28 así como el Hijo del Hombre no vino para ser servido, sino para servir y para dar su vida en rescate por muchos.*

- John 12: 44-50 - 44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment--what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

- John 12:44–50 (LBLA) — 44 Jesús exclamó y dijo: El que cree en mí, no cree en mí, sino en aquel que me ha enviado. 45 Y el que me ve, ve al que me ha enviado. 46 Yo, la luz, he venido al mundo, para que todo el que cree en mí no permanezca en tinieblas. 47 Si alguno oye mis palabras y no las guarda, yo no lo juzgo; porque no vine a juzgar al mundo, sino a salvar al mundo. 48 El que me rechaza y no recibe mis palabras, tiene quien lo juzgue; la palabra que he hablado, esa lo juzgará en el día final. 49 Porque yo no he hablado por mi propia cuenta, sino que el Padre mismo que me ha enviado me ha dado mandamiento sobre lo que he de decir y lo que he de hablar. 50 Y sé que su mandamiento es vida eterna; por eso lo que hablo, lo hablo tal como el Padre me lo ha dicho.

THOSE WHO WROTE OF JESUS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION UNDERSTOOD THIS

- Galatians 4:3-7 - 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
- Galatians 4:3–7 (LBLA) — 3 Así también nosotros, mientras éramos niños, estábamos sujetos a servidumbre bajo las cosas elementales del mundo. 4 Pero cuando vino la plenitud del tiempo, Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de mujer, nacido bajo la ley, 5 a fin de que redimiera a los que estaban bajo la ley, para que recibiéramos la adopción de hijos. 6 Y porque sois hijos, Dios ha enviado el Espíritu de su Hijo a nuestros corazones, clamando: ¡Abba! ¡Padre! 7 Por tanto, ya no eres siervo, sino hijo; y si hijo, también heredero por medio de Dios.

- 1 John 5:20-21 - 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
- 1 John 5:20–21 (LBLA) — 20 Y sabemos que el Hijo de Dios ha venido y nos ha dado entendimiento a fin de que conozcamos al que es verdadero; y nosotros estamos en aquel que es verdadero, en su Hijo Jesucristo. Este es el verdadero Dios y la vida eterna. 21 Hijos, guardaos de los ídolos.

- 1 Timothy 1: 15 - 17 - The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen
- 1 Timothy 1:15–17 (LBLA) — 15 Palabra fiel y digna de ser aceptada por todos: Cristo Jesús vino al mundo para salvar a los pecadores, entre los cuales yo soy el primero. 16 Sin embargo, por esto hallé misericordia, para que en mí, como el primero, Jesucristo demostrara toda su paciencia como un ejemplo para los que habrían de creer en Él para vida eterna. 17 Por tanto, al Rey eterno, inmortal, invisible, único Dios, a Él sea honor y gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

- 1 Timothy 2: 3-6 - 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

- 1 Timothy 2:3–6 (LBLA) — 3 Porque esto es bueno y agradable delante de Dios nuestro Salvador, 4 el cual quiere que todos los hombres sean salvos y vengan al pleno conocimiento de la verdad. 5 Porque hay un solo Dios, y también un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Cristo Jesús hombre, 6 quien se dio a sí mismo en rescate por todos, testimonio dado a su debido tiempo.

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HE CAME TO SAVE ALL

- Romans 5: 6- 11 – 6 For while we were still **WEAK (HELPLESS)**, at the right time Christ died for the **UNGODLY**. 7 For one will scarcely die for A **RIGHTEOUS PERSON**--though perhaps for a **GOOD PERSON** one would dare even to die-- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still **SINNERS**, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were **ENEMIES** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
- Romans 5:6–11 (LBLA) — 6 Porque mientras aún éramos débiles, a su tiempo Cristo murió por los impíos. 7 Porque a duras penas habrá alguien que muera por un justo, aunque tal vez alguno se atreva a morir por el bueno. 8 Pero Dios demuestra su amor para con nosotros, en que siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros. 9 Entonces mucho más, habiendo sido ahora justificados por su sangre, seremos salvos de la ira de Dios por medio de El. 10 Porque si cuando éramos enemigos fuimos reconciliados con Dios por la muerte de su Hijo, mucho más, habiendo sido reconciliados, seremos salvos por su vida. 11 Y no solo esto, sino que también nos gloriamos en Dios por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por quien ahora hemos recibido la reconciliación.

THERE IS A CURE

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NASU
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (LBLA) — 21 Al que no conoció pecado, le hizo pecado por nosotros, para que fuéramos hechos justicia de Dios en Él.

- 1 Peter 2:24 - 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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- 1 Peter 2:24 (LBLA) — 24 y Él mismo llevó nuestros pecados en su cuerpo sobre la cruz, a fin de que muramos al pecado y vivamos a la justicia, porque por sus heridas fuisteis sanados.

Romans 6:10 - For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Romans 6:10 (LBLA) — 10 Porque por cuanto El murió, murió al pecado de una vez para siempre; pero en cuanto vive, vive para Dios.

Hebrews 4:15 (ESV) — 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (LBLA) — 15 Porque no tenemos un sumo sacerdote que no pueda compadecerse de nuestras flaquezas, sino uno que ha sido tentado en todo como nosotros, pero sin pecado.

- We must hear and listen to His Word –
- John 6:45 (NASB95) — *45 “It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.*
- John 6:45 (LBLA) — *45 Escrito está en los profetas: «Y TODOS SERÁN ENSEÑADOS POR DIOS». Todo el que ha oído y aprendido del Padre, viene a mí.*

Romans 10:17 (ESV) — 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 (LBLA) — 17 Así que la fe viene del oír, y el oír, por la palabra de Cristo.

- WE must BELIEVE – we must place our faith in and on the person of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
- John 8:24 - 24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.“
- John 8:24 (LBLA) — 24 Por eso os dije que moriréis en vuestros pecados; porque si no creéis que yo soy, moriréis en vuestros pecados.

- We must **REPENT** - acknowledge that you are his **enemy**, that you are **weak**, that you are a **sinner**, and as a result you are **ungodly** and **unfit for His heaven**.
- Acts 17:30 (NASB95) — 30 “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent”
- Acts 17:30 (LBLA) — 30 Por tanto, habiendo pasado por alto los tiempos de ignorancia, Dios declara ahora a todos los hombres, en todas partes, que se arrepientan,

We must make a confession of our Faith

- Acts 8:34-39 - 34 The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, Look! "Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

You must be Baptized

- Acts 22:16 (NASB95) — *16 ‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’*
- Acts 22:16 (LBLA) — *16 »Y ahora, ¿por qué te detienes? Levántate y sé bautizado, y lava tus pecados invocando su nombre».*

- Matthew 25: 31-33 - 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
- Matthew 25:31–33 (LBLA) — 31 Pero cuando el Hijo del Hombre venga en su gloria, y todos los ángeles con Él, entonces se sentará en el trono de su gloria; 32 y serán reunidas delante de Él todas las naciones; y separará a unos de otros, como el pastor separa las ovejas de los cabritos. 33 Y pondrá las ovejas a su derecha y los cabritos a su izquierda.



- Acts 17: 30-31 - The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.“
- Acts 17:30–31 (LBLA) — 30 Por tanto, habiendo pasado por alto los tiempos de ignorancia, Dios declara ahora a todos los hombres, en todas partes, que se arrepientan, 31 porque Él ha establecido un día en el cual juzgará al mundo en justicia, por medio de un Hombre a quien ha designado, habiendo presentado pruebas a todos los hombres al resucitarle de entre los muertos.