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**Luke 4:43
(ESV)**

Why Did Jesus Come?

Introduction

Have you ever thought about why Jesus came to earth? Why did He come “down” here to walk among us? Surely, He could have fulfilled His wishes from Heaven. The Bible is very clear on why Jesus came. The statements allow for no ambiguity. Some of the reasons Jesus came to earth are very well known. Some are not. Some may surprise you. Some may even shock you because they are not what some people believe when they think of Jesus.

This “Sam’s Bible Tool” is intended to identify Jesus’ statements that identify exactly why He came to earth in human form.

These texts are Christ’s own words as taken from the English Standard Version, widely acknowledged to be the most accurate translation from the earliest known documents. I know of no one who disputes these translations, but it certainly would not surprise me if there were.

More likely, naysayers caveat Christ’s own words by saying things like, “That must be taken in context with People are taught differently from an early age and often literally cannot accept what the Bible says. The Bible does not require complicated analysis.

In any case, the material presented here is straight out of the Bible; there is zero interpretation whether explicit or implicit by me.

Before jumping into why Jesus came, this document briefly covers FALSE reasons that do NOT establish why Jesus came; things people believe and even preach that simply are not true.

I pray you will find this and all Sam’s Bible Tools useful in your studies of the elements of your salvation.

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Invalid Reasons for Jesus' Coming

It is instructive to understand the erroneous reasons many people believe why he came - that are **TOTALLY INVALID**.

The Lord fully knew people would misunderstand and even intentionally mislead people about why He came to earth. Therefore, in addition to telling us why He DID come, the Lord also very clearly stated these false reasons and said He did NOT come for. These are statements by Jesus, Himself.

- **He did not come to call the righteous**
Matthew 9:13; Mark 2:17; Luke 5:32
- **He did not come to either condemn or judge the world**
John 3:17; 12:47
- **He did not come to abolish the law or the prophets**
Matthew 5:17
- **He did not come to be served and/or waited upon**
Mark 10:45.
- **He did not come to bring peace on earth! “No, I tell you, but division.”**
Luke 12:51, Matt. 10:34

(There may be other false reasons given by Jesus, if you find any, please let me know.)

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These are the reasons given by Jesus I have found in the four Gospels of the New Testament that tell us why He came to earth.

1. He came to fulfill prophecy.

“I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.” (Matthew 5:17)

2. He came to fulfill the law.

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill . . . not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished” (Matthew 5:17-18).

3. He came to save the world

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:17; Luke 19:10)

4. He came to seek and save the lost.

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 18:11, 19:10).

5. He came to serve.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve” (Mark 10:45).

6. He came to give His life as a ransom.

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28).

7. He came that men might have life and have it more abundantly.

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly,” (John 10:10)

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8. He came to reveal the Father.

“Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (**Matthew 11:27**).

“Jesus said to him, ‘He who has seen Me has seen the Father’” (**John 14:9**)

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” (**Matthew 11:25-27**)

9. He came to do the will of the Father.

“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.” (**John 6:38**)

10. He came to preach the good news

“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” (**Luke 4:43**)

11. He came to bring fire on the earth.

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (**Luke 12:49**)

12. He came to bring fire through baptism.

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. . . He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire” (**Matthew 3:11-12**)

13. He came to bring division.

“Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.” (**Luke 12:50**)

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14. He came to bring judgment.

“And Jesus said, ‘For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind’ (John 9:39).

15. He came to be king.

“Therefore Pilate said to Him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world.’ (John 18:37).

16. He came to bear witness (testify) to the truth.¹

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” (John 18:37).

16. He came to destroy the works of the devil.

“Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.” (John 12:31).

“For the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30).

17. He came to send a sword.

“Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! No, I came to bring a sword. I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be right in your own household” (Matthew 10:34-36).

¹ <http://carm.org/christianity/christian-doctrine/what-did-jesus-come-do>

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18. He came to provide a pattern of holy living.

“Since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps” (**I Peter 2:21**).

“Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart” (**Matthew 11:29**).

19. He came to give the Father's words

"For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."
(**John 17:8**)

20. He came to reveal the Word to the children

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” (**Luke 18:15-17**)

“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;” (**Matthew 11:25**)

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (**Matthew 19:14**)

21. He came to be baptized.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. (**Matthew 3:13**)

22. He came to allay our fears.

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But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."
(Matthew 17:7)

23. He came for the children.

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16)

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." (Luke 18:16-17)

"In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. (Luke 10:21)

24. He came to give us the right to be children.

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God," (John 1:12)

25. He came to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God.

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