**He Came!**

**Mark 10:45**

“For even the **Son of Man** did not come to be served, but **to serve**, and **to give His life** as a **ransom** for many!”

We are going to study God’s Word **in depth**. Why? Because it is the source of all truth and God has left His Word with us so that we might come **to know Him**.

**Paul** writes in **Romans 10:18**,

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”

Why did Jesus come into our world?

1. Jesus came into our world **to identify with us, to become one of us**!
2. This verse begins with Jesus referring to Himself as the Son of Man! This was Jesus’ favorite title for Himself. Why did Jesus choose this title for Himself?

* Jesus chose this title because it points to the fact that he came into our world to **live among us** as a real man and **to identify with** **us in our** **suffering**.

**Isaiah 53:3** “He was **despised** and **rejected** by men, a **man of sorrows**, and **familiar with suffering**. Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was **despised**, and **we esteemed him not**.”

* The reason Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man was to specifically address his Jewish audience.

**Daniel 7:13-14** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Jesus was saying to his Jewish audience, and by the way, He is saying the very same thing to us right now: I am that **Son of Man** (the Messiah), and one day, you shall see me coming on the clouds of glory with all power and authority.

1. Jesus came into our world **to die** for us!

Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and **to give His life as a ransom for many**.”

1. Notice that Jesus **CAME** into our world. He **was sent** by His heavenly Father. This points to his **pre-existence**. He was not created, as many believe, because He has always existed.

**John 8:42**, Jesus says, “For I **CAME** from God and **I am here**.”

1. Why did Jesus become a man? Here’s why: So that He could die **in our place**.

1. The Gospel (Good News!) The Bible explains it like this:

* We are all sinners. I’m a sinner and you’re a sinner. **Romans 3:23** says, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
* God is holy and righteous. He cannot, nor will He, allow sin into His presence. Sin creates **a gulf** became us and God. Jesus is the only One who can **bridge** this gulf.
* There is a penalty for our sin, and that penalty is death. **Romans 6:23** says, “For **the wages of sin is death**!”
* The Good News: Jesus died **in our place**. Jesus became **our substitute**. He paid the price for us. **Romans 5:8** says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**.”
* This word ‘**ransom**,’ is a very important word. It refers to ‘the price paid to set a slave free.’ When Jesus died on the cross, He shed his blood to pay the price for our freedom.

1. JESUS CAME **TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE**. Do you need to be set free tonight?

In **Luke 5:31-32**, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

In John 3:16-17, Jesus declares, “For God so loved the world that **He gave** His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God **did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world**, but to save the world through Him.

Do you want to be set free? All you have to do is repent and come to Jesus. To repent simply means that:

* You **admit to God** that you are a sinner and **confess your sins** to Him.
* Then, you turn to Jesus and **receive him** into your heart **by faith**.

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