

Why Jesus Came John 1:14-18

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

No one knows _____ when Jesus came into the world, but today we're going to learn from Jesus' own Words and from other Scriptures the reason _____. For centuries people have celebrated the _____ of Jesus, some during December and others in January, even though no one really knows what month Jesus was born. The Bible doesn't instruct us to celebrate the birth of Christ; this is merely a _____ of men. Though we don't know the time of His birth, we're so grateful that He _____ us enough to make Himself known to us as the Son of God. He gave us hope, forgiveness, love, peace, and eternal life. I'm so thankful that the Scriptures _____ us about Him.

Our God got involved! He didn't _____ us and stay in heaven. Our God didn't leave us _____ to wonder where we came from, why we're here, or what will happen to us when we die. We have Jesus who came to _____ and to _____ the lost!

If Jesus had remained in the carpenter's _____, we'd have never known Him. However, Jesus became the _____ of the world. His sacrifice on the cross for our sins touches each of us and offers us _____ and eternal _____. His sterling example challenges us to live holy lives of _____ to make the world a better place. His teaching _____ us to be more giving, more loving, and more kind. Because He forgave us, we also _____ how to forgive others. He brought Jew and Gentile together; He is indeed the Prince of _____. We thank God that Jesus came into the world!

Our reading today comes from The Gospel According to John 1:14-18. Read John 1:1-4. The Word was God, and He is _____. He's always been and will always be. There's never been a time when the Word, that is Jesus, didn't _____. He came into the world to bless us with _____ and _____, and we can be thankful for that.

To find out what God is like, _____ Jesus. Jesus is indeed Immanuel, "God _____ us" (Matthew 1:23). What do we see when we look at the life of Christ? We see God's _____ and glory. He had power over nature, sickness, sin, and death. We see amazing love, meekness, gentleness, holiness, justice, compassion, grace, mercy, loving-kindness, anger at sinful behavior, patience, and authority. We see God calling us to _____ and to do His will.

The Bible says, "And the Word became _____, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Jesus has always been Divine, but He became flesh and dwelt among us. The word for "dwell" has the idea of pitching a _____, that is, a temporary dwelling place. Since our flesh is temporary, Jesus became one of us and took on temporary flesh. Jesus felt pain, got hungry and thirsty, grew tired, and

experienced physical _____. We see His glory in that in spite of the fact that He was God, He was willing to _____ Himself to bless us.

Jesus, as God's Son, was still full of two divine characteristics: first, _____; and second, _____. The Bible says, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was _____, yet for your sake he became _____, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). The Lord Jesus humbled himself and became _____ to His Father's will. He did this to save us from _____ and to give us life. This is amazing grace!

First Timothy 1:15-16 says, "It's a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to _____ sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life." Jesus came to save every person who comes to Him in _____ and _____ His will. He is patient with us and gives us an opportunity to make _____ in our lives.

Out of grace and love for us, Jesus came to do the _____ of God. Hebrews 10:4-7 says, "For it's impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ comes into the world, He said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not _____, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.' And then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is _____ of me in the scroll of the book.'"

When Jesus _____ at Gethsemane, "Not my will but Yours be done," He was saying to His Father that He was willing to drink the cup; that is, to _____ on the cruel cross. Such grace and such _____ is astounding! The Bible says that Jesus himself "bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might _____ to sin and _____ to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

You remember that Scripture that we _____ when we were children. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (or His only one of a kind) Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." God, the Father, and our Lord Jesus are in the saving business. Jesus didn't come into the world to _____, but to save the world from the evil that _____ brings. The Lord knew that we needed saving from sin and a path away from a sinful life. He _____ us and showed us the way out of evil. He lived a sinless life and showed us how to _____ and how to _____.

The book of Galatians says that those who practice the works of the flesh or sin "shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). But Christ came to _____ us out of that evil, fleshly life to a better life. Verses 22 to 24, the next verses, say, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; and against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." Jesus came to show us a _____ way of living than that old sinful way that hurts everybody.

The Lord Jesus didn't merely come to give life, but to give it in _____. The Lord said, "The thief comes only to steal and to kill and destroy; but I came that they may have _____, and have *it* abundantly" (John 10:10). The life that Christ gives lifts people up, and gives them _____, gives them _____, gives them _____, and teaches them to _____. First John 4:19 says, "We love, because He first loved us." We're transformed into new people by the _____ of Christ. He gives us new life and a chance to start fresh as _____ people.

The grace of God not only saves; it also _____ and trains us. **Read Titus 2:11-14.** God's grace turns cold _____ into warm ones. It turns people who were once foolish and ungodly, and had those desires that were ungodly, into people who _____ sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age. Their hearts don't wallow in the _____ and ugly life that they used to live. They're now _____ of that life. They think about the coming of Jesus and live to _____ other people. They look for opportunities to do _____ deeds. Wherever it goes, the grace of God enlarges people's hearts and _____ their lives to become compassionate and righteous.

The Lord doesn't leave people in the _____ condition where He found them. God shows them what they can _____ in Christ Jesus! Jesus Christ first gave us grace to save us from sin and second, he gave us the _____ to teach us how to live this victorious and abundant life! Jesus graciously tells us the spiritual truths that we _____ to hear, not simply stories that we _____ to hear. God had only one Son, and He was a _____. He gave us the truth that sets us _____ (John 8:32). Jesus showed a great sense of _____ to preach repentance and truth to people.

The Bible _____ this urgency. **Read Luke 4:42-44.** So, He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. The Lord Jesus wanted everyone to _____ His message. He spoke to anyone who was willing to _____. To God every person is important. Jesus wants to save every soul.

Read Mark 2:16-17. Jesus came to make a difference in people's spiritual lives, to help the spiritually _____ become _____. Jesus knew that both grace and truth were _____ to make a difference!

Jesus came to bring the _____ (John 1:17). In fact, Jesus could say to His disciples, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; and no one _____ to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). We can know the truth by listening to Jesus Christ. In John 18:37, Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "'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, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'" Whose _____ are you listening to? Where are you turning for spiritual truth? I hope you're listening to Jesus by _____ the Scriptures.

If you want to know what is spiritually true, _____ what Jesus said. Read the _____ of Jesus in the New Testament. Learn what He _____. We're hearing many _____ ideas in the religious world today. John said, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see

whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). The very best test of right and wrong; the very best test of truth and error is still _____ in the teaching of Jesus. If the Lord Jesus doesn’t teach it, don’t _____ it. He is the _____ of truth.

Some people think the words highlighted in red in their Bible are the _____ words that Jesus spoke. He certainly said these words, but the _____ of the New Testament also contains the words of Jesus. Jesus made a _____ to the apostles. **Read John 16:12-13.** In fact, _____ of the New Testament comes from the Lord. Every word of it is God-breathed and utterly _____.

I would hate for anyone to miss the _____ of Jesus Christ by missing the _____ of Jesus Christ. These two things, grace and truth, are intertwined; they’re _____ together and they are inseparable. You can’t find the grace of Christ by ignoring His truth, and you can’t find the truth of Christ by ignoring His grace. If we are to _____ the grace and promises of Christ, we must find them in Scripture. Some people want grace from Christ, but they don’t want His _____. You can’t have one without the other. You need both.

Since Jesus came to seek and save the lost, we can have _____. Your salvation in Christ came at a very great _____. You weren’t redeemed by silver or gold, but by the _____ of Jesus. That baby born in Nazareth so many years ago came to earth for the _____ of offering His body on the cross so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. His birth was marvelous and miraculous, but His death _____ our hearts and our souls. By His _____ we are healed.

Since God raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him on the throne in heaven, far above all rule and authority, wouldn’t it make sense to _____ Him? He came to find you and to _____ you. Will you let Him? He’s inviting you to have an abundant life here on earth and an eternal life in _____. No one has ever loved you to the extent that Jesus loves you. He was willing to _____ the utter pain, humiliation, and punishment of the cross so that your sins might be forgiven.

If you want Jesus as your Savior, you must also take Him as your _____. You must trust Him and _____ what He says is true. If you cannot trust Jesus, but think He’s mistaken in what He teaches on morals or doctrine, how can you trust His _____? You can’t re-write Jesus’ teaching on one point and then trust Him on another point. When you do that, you really don’t believe in Jesus at all. You believe in yourself and in your own _____. God wants us to trust in Jesus Christ in every step and decision we make. When we do, His grace and truth surround us.

Have you come to Christ in faith, repentance, and baptism? Why not come to Him today? Believe in Him with all your heart, turn away from the evils and danger of sin, confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and be baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Acts 22:16 says, “And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.” Won’t you do that today?