## Why Jesus Did what He Did for Us!

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[Luke 2:10 Good News announced to shepherds; John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word; John 6 God draws us to Him; we respond; John 8:58 Jesus is the I AM; John 20:29 blessed to not see & yet believe; 2 Corinthians 5:21 Jesus was sin for us; Revelation 22:13 Alpha & Omega

Psalm 8:6 Jesus has dominion over all; Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life; Isaiah 53:2 no beauty to attract us to Him]

We are all aware that Jesus came to earth to pay the sin-debt of the world, but we can look deeper into *why* He did *what* He did for every living soul on earth.

We start by going back to AV Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Then to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph when Jesus was born in a stable.

The Messiah's first impact on earth began AV John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

God and Jesus and the Word are all the same. Jesus was with God when He created all things that are things. This includes when He separated dark from light; when He placed the stars, sun, and moon in the firmament. He was right with God when He made every living creature on land and sea, and when He made man from the dust of the earth.

It is evident that Jesus is the Creator of everything 3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

AV Psalm 8:6 "Thou [God] madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet"—and vs 7-8, including all beasts of the field; birds of the air; and fish in the sea.

It is vitally important to have *access* to God's throne of grace and to have a personal *relationship* with Jesus, since it is He alone who can pay our sin debt.

NKJV **John 6:44** "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

He now waits for *our response* to what He did for us at Calvary!

Jesus says AV Revelation 22:13 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Jesus *started* everything; He *created* everything—and he *opens the gate* to let us into Heaven.

We just meet the one requirement—to believe on the One God sent **John 6:29**—*Jesus* is the One who *forgives* our sins and *redeems* our soul back from the world.

Revelation tells us that the Lamb of God who was slain, is the only One worthy to open the *scroll*; the only One worthy to redeem our *soul*; and the only One who can *forgive* sins—if we will *believe* and *trust* on His name thru every trial and test.

The answer to: Why Jesus Did what He Did for Us—it is because of His great love for us.

He came to do what He *had* to do for a world lost in sin and heading for the flames.

He would not gain *anything* from what He did—as He already *had* everything and could *create* anything.

He *did* what He *did* because no one would enter Heaven without Him taking our place!

All that He *did* and all He *endured* was never about *Him but* has always been about *us*—the creation He loves.

It was to *redeem* our souls and offer us *hope* for heaven—living together with Him, the Father, and all who have gone before by faithfully trusting Jesus.

What Jesus *did* is the true definition of *grace!* It is pure and unselfish love for another; *That* is the true love only *He* could give, and it was *love* that made Him willing to *die*, so that we might *live!* 

And the only thing He asks of us is that we *believe* in Him; that we *trust* Him; that we keep our *faith* in Him; and that we truly *love* Him by obeying Him—and loving our neighbor as well.

We usually make a choice to *believe* something if we *see* something, but Jesus told Thomas...

AV **John 20:29** "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have **not** seen, and **yet** have believed."

That is why we *believe* He *took* our place and *bore* our pains; That is why we *believe* that He *shed* His Blood to make possible the forgiveness of our sins.

And it means to *believe* that He *rose* to life after three days to be *with* the Father.

AV 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

When Jewish leaders were disputing with Jesus, He said AV John 8:58, "Before Abraham was, I am."

Abraham lived hundreds of years *before* Jesus was born—but Jesus was still saying that He *made* the earth and created everything in it.

Saying He is the **I AM**, takes us back to the burning bush in the desert when God spoke to Moses about leading His people *out* of Egypt and *to* the Promised Land.

When Moses asked God who he should say *sent* him, God said, tell them **I AM** sent you.

Jesus then is the Great I AM—Creator of everything and yet what He came to earth to do for *us* was *not* about Him—it was about *people* and about the *world* He loves—it was about *salvation* for eternal souls!

God wants no one to *perish* by not knowing about *repentance*. God is patiently waiting for the last one to repent—AV 2 Peter 3:9 "that all should come to repentance."

NIV **Isaiah 53:2** that "[Jesus] had no beauty or majesty [comeliness AV, allure] to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him."

Jesus was no different in appearance than anyone else—because it was *not* about Him, and it never was! It was about *us* and everyone *else*—it was about His intense *love* for His creation!

Another reason that His coming was about the people He loved, is the lowly birth in Bethlehem.

He was the true King and Creator of all things, but He was *not* born in a palace with attendants seeing to His every need, and no trumpets announcing the arrival of the King!

That was *not* the message He wanted to give, so He was born of a virgin in a stable with animals, laid in a manger, and wrapped in swaddling clothes.

It was God's will for His birth on earth to be that way. It was a most *humble* birth but setting a most *important* example!

Our homes are comfortable and warm, providing a soft bed and every need a newborn should have—while the King of the universe had none of those things.

There is the journey of 90 miles that Mary and Joseph made on the back of a burro to reach Bethlehem. The only advance notice of this momentous birth was what the angel said to a group of shepherds—an occupation that was considered the lowest type of work.

The dark sky lit up with a brilliant light as the angel announced AV Luke 2:10 "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Those who went to visit found it just as foretold—the Baby in swaddling cloth and lying in a manger.

It seems a travesty that the *Highest* would be born in the *lowest* of surroundings—but it was never *about* Him but *all* about us—the people of His creation.

Following the birth and through His growing years—Jesus continued to live a lowly life among lowly people. The King of all kings came to earth to *save* everyone who *lives* on earth. And He did so in the most *humble* way to send the most *important* message!

AV **Proverbs 22:4** "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."

If we remain humble, trusting, and faithful to God, He will take care of us during our time on earth, and later will grant us eternal life with Him in Heaven!

The answer to: *Why Jesus Did what He Did for Us*, is because of His *immense* and *intense love* for us and His love for everyone else.

We think of Jesus as God in Person, but His birth in Bethlehem is *not* when He began life as God on earth because He said John 8:58, "Before Abraham was, I am."

Jesus was *always* God—He is *eternal* and always existed—knowing the "beginning and the end, the first and the last" of every thing and every event that took place ever since time began.

Jesus did what He did for us because AV John 3:16 "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Now we know that we can ask God for *any-thing* in His will—and are assured of receiving it—always in *His* way and in *His* time.

NKJV **John 16:23** "Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever** you ask the Father in **My** name He will give you."

Let us *claim* our Atonement rights and be sure of *receiving* what Jesus gave His life to make possible. That is why He *did* what He *did* for *us!* 

If we need healing, protection, peace, change of attitude, spiritual conviction, or divine guidance, we can be *sure* of receiving that answer because Jesus is the *Great I AM!* 

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