



WHY JESUS BECAME MAN: 5 REASONS WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH

Scripture: Hebrews 2:10-18

Today is the first day of Advent, bit strange as it is in November. Every year we sing songs about it, we put up trees and tinsel and often we greet others in a more friendly manner than normally.

Christmas – it is the season when the world stands still at the celebration of this more significant even in human history. But, as believers, how often do we really focus our attention on this remarkable story?

Instead, we spend time trying to purchase the best gift, the perfect meal and time with family or friends. And there is nothing wrong with this. However, during these activities we need to take the time to remember what Christmas is about, and why it happened the way it did. There is much more to this story than just the birth of the Child in Bethlehem.

For the next 4 Sundays we will be exploring the story. Our topic this morning is: **Why did Jesus become man?**

Can you imagine how Mary must have felt as she gazed at her newborn child? Any child that is born is a miracle from heaven, but this Child was indeed a gift. This child had been set apart from any other that had ever been born in the history of the world. But why?

The angel Gabriel had spoken directly to Mary, and her heart confirmed that what he said was true. The Child that she held was indeed the Son of God.

And yet, Mary must have had many questions as well, such as: Why did God send His son to earth to live as a human being? The Bible provides five answers to this vital question.

1 – Jesus became Man to satisfy the prophecies of the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the high priest was the mediator between God and His people. His job was to regularly offer animal sacrifices according to the law and to intercede with God for forgiveness of the people's sins.

Throughout the words of the prophets, there were glimmers of a Saviour, a King who would rescue His people and restore them to God. The prophets spoke of this One who was to come. Jesus Christ is now our High Priest.

In fact, there were more than 300 specific prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures about the promised Messiah. And more than 300 of these prophecies have been fulfilled. A mathematician calculated that the possibility of all of these prophecies being fulfilled in one person is 11 in 83 billion.

2: Jesus became Man to show us the Father.

One of Jesus' disciples, Philip said to Jesus in John's Gospel,

“Lord, show us the Father and we will believe.” Jesus said to him, “You have been with me so long, yet you still do not realise the truth. Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.

Jesus was God in body, so if you want to know who God is, you need to know who Jesus is because Jesus teaches you who God is. When you see Jesus doing what He did in the Gospels, you are watching God at work.

Do you want to know God? Get to know Jesus. That's why the only way you can become a Christian is to know Jesus because Jesus is the way that you know God.

John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

3 – Jesus became Man to save us from our sins.

Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We had to have a God-Man to save us. And because Jesus was God and Man, He lifted one hand and took hold of the Father and with the other reached down and took hold of man. And at the cross, in a moment of time, He brought them together. And now with His hands reached out, He offers His salvation to all who will come.

If Christ had not come, our course would be a hopeless, downward trudge toward the eternal night of despair. But Almighty God interrupted all of that. He shut down the cycle of sin by sending Jesus to be our Saviour. If you've never put your trust in Jesus Christ, you cannot know Him, and without knowing Him, you cannot know God. And without accepting Him, you cannot be forgiven. That's the purpose of His coming, to forgive our sins.

4: Jesus became Man to sympathize with our weaknesses.

Knowing that Christ suffered pain and faced temptation helps us face our trials. Jesus understands our struggles because He faced them as a human being. We can trust Christ to help us survive suffering and overcome temptation.

When we face trials, we need to go to Jesus for strength and patience. He understands our needs and can help.

As we heard in our Scripture Jesus had to become human so that He could die and rise again in order to destroy the devil's power over death. Only then could Christ deliver us from the fear of death because death is only the doorway into eternal life.

5: Jesus became Man to secure our hope of heaven.

Until Christ comes to live within your heart, you are not fit for heaven. The only way you can live in heaven is with Christ in you.

There is one way to God. You come to God by coming to Jesus because Jesus is God. And Jesus is the One who paid the penalty for our sins. And one day, if we live until He returns, we'll hear the trumpet, and we'll go up to be with Him. And if we should die before He comes, our body will go in the grave but our spirit will go to be with Him.

If Almighty God has fulfilled all that He said about the first coming of Christ, then everything He says about His second coming will be fulfilled in the same precise way.

Conclusion: The message of Christmas is that Royalty has walked down our streets. Heaven's Prince has knocked on our door, and God has moved into our neighbourhood. He is one of us. Almighty God is here. And He has you on His heart today.

We do not serve a God who is far away. We serve a God who is close at hand, for He has come to be with us. He is our Saviour. The Christ of Christmas is here.