

Why Jesus

The World Needs a Savior

Let's begin by looking at why the world needs a savior. We'll start with undoubtedly the most familiar passage in the bible.

John 3:16 (New International Version)

¹⁶"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.

John 3:16-18 (Message)

¹⁶⁻¹⁸"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

Look at what God is saying to us in these verses. It was because of His love for us that He sent his son. Not to point out our problem (sin), but to be restored. I love this, "a whole and lasting life." Jesus came to make us new, to restore us back to God, to make us "right again".

Maybe what we need to do is take a quick look back to the beginning to see how this whole thing got so out of whack for God's creation, His children.

Gen 1:27

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

We were _____ in God's very image.

a. Sin Entered Gen 2:15-17

¹⁵ Then the LORD God the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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Gen 3:1-7

¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Sin entered the heart of man, and death was the result. Now man was separated from experiencing the very life of God. It was at this point that man began the struggle of trying to cover themselves based on their own strength and ability.

Sin entered the _____ of man, and _____ was the result.

At this point God's plan went into motion.

1 Corinthians 15:22

²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

b. God's Plan

2 Corinthians 5:21 (New International Version)

²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- Jesus took all the penalty and punishment that sin deserved; He paid the price for us so that we could be brought back into right standing with God.

Jesus took all the _____ and _____ that sin deserved.

The Holy Trinity

Jesus is God

a. God in Three Persons

1 John 5:7 (New King James Version)

⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Col 2:9

⁹ For in him [*Jesus Christ*] dwelleth all the fullness of the **Godhead** bodily. (KJV)

Rom 1:20

²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse: (KJV)

1 John 5:7

⁷ For there are **three** that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these **three** are one. (KJV)

Christians do not believe in three *Gods*, they believe in One God in three 'offices,' 'facets,' or 'aspects,' or, revealed in three different ways.

The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the Son (*Y^ehoshua* = Yehovah the Savior, or, God Savior), He is God manifested (came) in the flesh, He is God in human form come to earth to save His creation from their sins. Jesus is not another *God*, He is God.

He is _____, **who came in the** _____.

John 10:27-30 (*Jesus speaking*)

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

³⁰ **I and my Father are one.** (KJV)

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Colossians 1:15-20 (New International Version)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.