

JESUS CAME FROM GOD ON PURPOSE

1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:14; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: There are two aspects to how Jesus got here. One is THAT He came and the other is HOW He came. God became a man through a virgin birth in that He did not possess the sinful nature of all other human beings passed on from father to his child. God put aside His eternal glory and became a human being, a man. In becoming a man, Jesus became the believer's pattern of living:

1. **"He made Himself of no reputation.."** He emptied Himself but lost none of His deity in becoming a man, He is the same today as He was before He became a man. (*Hebrews 13:8*)
2. **"He took upon Him the form of a servant.."** Jesus voluntarily stooped to become a lowly Servant of mankind. He never boasted of His eternal glory and right to be worshiped, but He came to minister and to give His life as a ransom for those who would believe in Him. (*Matthew 20:28*)
3. **"He was made in the likeness of men.."** Jesus became in the flesh and blood as any other human being although no one else was Godly, both Divine and human. Today Jesus is both God and Man, Divine and human, perfect in His Deity and perfect in His humanity.
4. **"And being found in fashion as a man..."** Jesus never held Himself aloof, although perfect and sinless, He was made under the law, but never broke it and was tempted in all ways as every other human being is tempted, yet He never sinned in word, thought or deed.
5. **"He humbled Himself..."** The world has never seen a more genuine, humble person as the Lord Jesus. His desire was to do the will of the Father always, never His own will. (*John 8:29; Romans 8:30*)
6. **"He became obedient unto death..."** The God-man actually dies. Not as God, not as man, but as the God-Man.
 - **"...For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.."** (*1 Corinthians 15:22*)
 - To subject Himself to the cruel death on the cross was part of God's plan of salvation for mankind and Jesus voluntarily submitted Himself to that plan.
7. **"...even the death of the cross..."** Other people have died on crosses, but Jesus, the God-Man, voluntarily and willingly died the death of criminals, disgraced in the eyes of those who beheld Him. Not only did He die but He died bearing the burden of the worst and most guilty sinners.
 - Jesus came down from heaven's glory to earth's sin and shame through His Incarnation.
8. So, why did Jesus come and do all that He did?

I. JESUS CAME TO REVEAL GOD TO MANKIND

1. God has revealed Himself to man in various means before Jesus came.
 - Belief in God is instilled within all people but man is unable to understand or recognize God.
 - God's existence and power can be seen in the creation of the world.
 - *Romans 1:19-20*
 - Job realized that God's nature was different in that it was unchangeable and omnipotent.
 - Man does not have to have a copy of the Bible to know that God is present.
 - God spoke to Adam, to Abraham so that they heard His "voice."
 - God revealed Himself in dreams to Jacob, to Joseph, to Nebuchadnezzar and to others.

- Through Moses and others, God revealed Himself through His Holy Spirit and now the Bible.
- 2. God has revealed Himself more clearly and fully than every before in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus came to reveal God to mankind in a way as never before.
 - ***John 14:8-9; 1:1, 8, 9***
- 3. It is one thing to try to describe to a blind person what "light" is but it is an entirely different thing when that blind person can actually see light. Thus it is with Jesus revealing God to mankind.
 - No person can truly grasp how perfect and holy God is until He comes face to face with Jesus Christ.

II. JESUS CAME TO REVEAL MANKIND TO WHAT HE/SHE REALLY IS LIKE

1. In revealing Himself, Jesus shows what mankind is and what mankind can become.
 - Jesus came to show mankind how God sees and knows every person.
 - It was Gods plan for mankind to rule over all animal life, being created in the likeness of God, man differs from all other forms of life.
 - Strange it is that mankind will bow to worship even animals, but animals never worship man.
2. All mankind from Adam to the present are born spiritually dead in sin, having a sin nature which causes one to trespass against God, yet people think more highly of themselves that they should.
 - ***John 15:22***
 - Jesus' coming showed people just how far short they came from the standard of righteousness God expected and doing so, He was rejected and crucified thus revealing the true heart of mankind.
3. When mankind sinned against the Son of God, it was against the clearest possible light, joining hands to put God's own Son to death.
 - How sinful is the heart of mankind? Look at what took place on Calvary's hill.
 - Today people still stomp on the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and if He were to appear again today, He would be crucified again.

III. JESUS CAME TO REDEEM MANKIND

1. ***Galatians 4:4-5***
 - The Old Testament prophets spoke of the promised Redeemer, the Messiah who would come to deliver the people from their sins.
 - The intent of the coming of the Son of God was to save God's people from their sins.
2. The awful, sinful condition of the world necessitated the coming of the Lord Jesus since there was no hope apart from Him.
 - God demands that every sin be dealt with, although merciful, gracious and slow to anger, God is also holy and righteous, therefore every sin must be dealt with.
3. Through Jesus, God solved the problem of sin and the well being of the sinner.
 - Jesus came to die as the sinner's substitute and thereby redeems the sinner.
 - The sinner's relation to Jesus is vital and necessary to have his/her sins removed.
 - ***Mark 2:17; Romans 3:10***
4. Had there been righteousness in the human heart, there would have been no need for Jesus' coming.
 - Whenever a person assumes he/she is righteous on his/her own, that person is outside the reach of Jesus.
 - Each person needs to realize and say what Paul did when he declared himself to be "the chief of sinners."

IV. JESUS CAME TO RESTRAIN SATAN

1. *Hebrews 2:9, 14, 15*

- Jesus came to destroy the one (Satan) who had the power of death and to deliver them who through fear of death were all their lives in bondage to Satan.
 - Jesus death by crucifixion was predetermined by God (*Acts 2:23; Matthew 20:28*)
 - Jesus willed to die, not suddenly, but a lingering, prolonged death that He might redeem mankind from Satan's hold.
 - Remember Adam and Eve in the garden and Satan appeared, leading them to sin against God.
 - They ate of the forbidden tree and were separated from God. Jesus died on a tree and has brought sinners back to God.
 - Satan was victorious in the garden in taking mankind away from God at a tree and with Jesus dead on a cross (tree) he thought he was victorious again.
2. The death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection has affected death and has rendered it harmless and the "sting" of death is gone. (*1 Corinthians 15:55*)
- Death once held mankind in Satan's grip of hopeless doom but since Jesus came, Satan is defeated.
3. The shadow of the cross hung over the manger in Bethlehem but thanks be to God we now have victory over death through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- "...*The prince of this world is judged..*" (*John 16:11*)

V. JESUS CAME TO RESCUE THE WHOLE CREATION

1. The coming of God's Son, Jesus, is part of God's overall divine plan.
- Salvation of mankind has been God's chief concern, however there is more to come.
 - God will restore the world to what it was before Adam and Eve sinned and the world was turned into chaos.
 - *Isaiah 11:6-9*
 - Animal life returned to its original harmless state.
 - *Hosea 2:18; Ephesians 1:10; Colossians 1:20*
2. Most Christians fail to see anything more than God's redemptive work among people, yet there is more involved in Jesus' coming than redemption. His coming affects the whole creation.
- *Romans 8:19-23*
 - All creation lies in expectancy, to be put back as it once was in the beginning for all the world is under a curse but it will be returned as it was before Adam and Eve's sin.
 - All creation will be rescued and restored from the curse to it's original state.

VI. JESUS CAME TO RESTORE ISRAEL

1. There is no question that unto the Jews was given the oracles of God, adopted by God and given the laws and oracles of God and to serve Him as His chosen people.
- There is no question either that since the fall of Jerusalem, God has transferred dominion over to the Gentiles and Israel, as a nation, has not held the authority they once had.
2. Jesus "...*came unto His own and His own received Him not...*" (*John 1:11, 14; Luke 19:14*)
- In blind unbelief the Jews refused to recognize or receive Jesus and drove Him from their midst and then crucified Him.
 - No longer did Israel have priority with God, but God's Grace was spread to all the world of the Gentiles and make a people for His name, thus the Church.
 - Israel is still temporarily set aside but not cast away for God gave them a land of their own for all times and one day all Jews will return to their land.

VII. JESUS CAME TO REIGN

1. The wise men came from the East saying, **"...where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him..." (Matthew 2:1-2)**
 - God became a human being that He might be King of the earth.
 - Jesus is to appear in His resurrected body and will sit on the throne of His glory.
 - **Matthew 25:31; Revelation 1:7; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; 1 Corinthians 15:28; Psalm 89:4, 29, 36**
2. Jesus' kingdom is real, literal and cannot be separated from His being born a human being, although totally divine as well.
 - People have been trying through the centuries to set up a perfect kingdom with a perfect king, but only Jesus will ever be the perfect King with the perfect Kingdom.
3. When Jesus comes as King, His perfect will will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 - The day will surely come when all mankind will see His glory and holiness and the earth will rejoice.
 - Before Jesus reigns on the earth, He will return to carry away His bride, the Church. All awaits that great moment.

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus said, **"...I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do..." (John 17:4)**
 - God has been glorified in creation, in delivering His people, in His power over enemies, but Jesus' coming has glorified God to the highest degree.
 - Jesus left nothing undone and in everything He did, He gave the Father the glory and honor.
 - Jesus finished what He came to earth to do.
2. To all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul reminds: **"...For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's..." (1 Corinthians 6:20)**
3. If Jesus had not come, what would be mankind's state today?