

The Christmas Story As Told By Jesus

Introduction: Coming To Earth

That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin. Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God—as is written about me in the Scriptures.'" (Hebrews 10:5-7 NLT)

The Important Question: Why did the birth of Jesus take place?

Jesus Tells Us He Came For A Purpose

Jesus' Claim is Unique

Jesus' Claim is Unparalleled

Note: The Inadequacy of the Old System

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. (Hebrews 10:1-4 NLT)

Jesus Tells Us He Came To Pay The Price

A Purpose That Could Not Be Fulfilled

A Purpose Only Jesus Could Fulfill

When he said, "You don't want sacrifices and offerings," he was referring to practices according to the old plan. When he added, "I'm here to do it your way," he set aside the first in order to enact the new plan—God's way—by which we are made fit for God by the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus. (Hebrews 10:8-10 MSG)

Jesus Tells Us He Came To Please The Father

Jesus Knew His Sacrifice Was Necessary

Jesus Made His Sacrifice Willingly

- Communicated by His Words
- Demonstrated by His Actions

Jesus Tells Us He Came To Pledge His Presence

Jesus Didn't Come for a While and Then Leave

Jesus Came to Have His Spirit Stay with Us

Conclusion: Christmas 2023