

The Mystery of the Coming of Jesus

Scripture Text: Galatians 4:4

Mystery is defined as “something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.” Using a Bible Dictionary is defined as “refers to some truth that had been hidden in the past but was eventually revealed by God.”

“Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?” is answered in the chorus: “Because He loves me so!”

What does it mean to be willing? Jesus was willing to come to earth.

Let us examine four Scriptures to help us unravel the mystery of Jesus coming to earth:

1. Philippians 2:5-8 – Jesus Became Man for Me

- A. Jesus was in Heaven.
 - 1. At creation – “God” in Gen. 1 is plural.
 - 2. “Let us” – Gen. 1:26, 27
 - 3. John 1:14
- B. Jesus is equal with God.
 - 1. John 1:1-3
 - 2. Unity among all members of the Godhead – John 17
- C. Jesus was obedient – “emptied Himself of Heaven”
 - 1. The Father’s will was His death!
 - 2. Matthew 26:39
- D. Do we have this same mind?

2. 1 Timothy 3:16 – Jesus Became Flesh for Me

- A. Made manifest.
 - 1. Jesus never operated in secrecy but was shown openly. Col. 2:15
 - 2. Jesus was, at times, so popular people couldn’t even get to Him, Mark 2:1-5.
- B. He had fleshly desires.
 - 1. Hungry – Mark 2:15, etc.
 - 2. Angry – Matthew 21:12-13 (twice)
 - 3. Thirsty – John 4:7

- 4. Tired – Mark 4:38
- C. The world believed in Him, do you?

3. Hebrews 4:15 – Jesus was Tempted for Me

- A. Tempted in all points – Matthew 4:1-11
 - 1. He hadn't eaten in 40 days, Satan perceived He was in a low state. That is when Satan works best.
 - 2. Satan offered Jesus things that weren't his to give.
 - 3. When Satan realized he couldn't win, he gives up. Cf. James 4:7-8
- B. He understands when we are tempted.
 - 1. To get angry at someone.
 - 2. When those around you don't believe you.
 - 3. When your "friends" betray you.
 - 4. When you are innocent yet still have to pay for wickedness.
- C. He is the perfect mediator – 1 Timothy 2:5
 - 1. Daysman – Job 9:33
 - 2. Hebrews 4:16
- D. Do you think "W.W.J.D.?" when you are facing temptation?

4. Hebrews 2:17-18 – Jesus Suffered for Me

- A. Think about the week leading up to the cross.
 - 1. Sunday, John 12, they shout "Hosanna" and on Friday, John 19:15, they shout "crucify Him!"
 - 2. He was scourged, beaten for me. John 19:1-3
 - 3. He died in pain and agony, John 19:30.
- B. He could have prevented all of this and said "no."
 - 1. That would make Him disobedient.
 - 2. "He could have called ten thousand angels (Matthew 26:53), but He died alone – for you and me!"
 - 3. Multiple times before the cross, the audience sought to kill Jesus but couldn't – it was not yet His time, Galatians 4:4, John 12:23, Mark 14:41.
- C. Will you let His suffering be in vain?

1. If you deny Him, then you are saying that you don't care He left Heaven, suffered, and died for you.
2. If you turn back to a life of sin, you are in essence crucifying Him again!
3. "Shall I Crucify My Savior?"

Thankfully this is no longer a mystery – He came “because He loved me so!”

Be thankful for God's infinite wisdom to plan for the perfect moment for Jesus to come to earth.

Make sure I am ready for the return of Jesus to earth!

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