

# HE CAME TO DIE FOR HIS BRETHREN

**John 10:1-30**

Matthew 1:18-25

Philippians 2:5-11



## The Times We Live In (Luke 21:34-36)

- Will you hear the trumpet? (Isaiah 58:1; Jer 6:16-17; Ezekiel 3:18-21; John 8:47)
- (2 Peter 3:9-18) Will you repent?
- (Jeremiah 16:19) We have **inherited lies** and we like it that way!

## Four Sundays of Advent

- ❶ He Came as Promised
- ❷ He Came to Fulfill the Father's Will
- ❸ He Came to Die for His Brethren
- ❹ He Is Coming Again

## Do You Know God?

- ★ GOD sent His Son!
- ★ God planned and moved all of history to keep His promise in Genesis 3:15!

## Christmas vs. Feast of Tabernacles

- ★ Traditions of men vs God's Appointed Time according to His Feasts

## God's Eternal Purpose: The Father's Business

- God's will, plan, purpose. God, the Creator, planned His Creation from start to finish!
  - "In the beginning God created . . ." Genesis 1:1. And at that *moment* God created ALL TIME - ALL HISTORY - EVERYTHING that would ever happen!!!! Down to the smallest detail!!
  - (Revelation 21:1-6) "It is done!"
- (Ephesians 3:9-11) God's will was that **He would accomplish** His will through/by Christ Jesus our Lord, His Son.
- "I will put enmity . . ." (Genesis 3:15) - 4,000 years before He sent the "Promised One".
- Seven hundred years before Him sending the Christ Isaiah prophesied, "The LORD Himself will give you a sign . . ." (Isaiah 7:14)
- "The zeal of the LORD will perform this!" (Isaiah 9:7)
- "God so loved the world that **HE GAVE His Son.**" (John 3:16)

## Prophecy = Promises

- Over 300 prophecies about Christ FIRST ADVENT!
- Prophecies are promises made by God through men.
- GOD fulfills His promises/prophecies.

## In the Fulness of Time (Galatians 4:4; Luke 2:1-9)

- When ALL of history was accomplished and in place for His Promised One to come to save His special people GOD sent His Son.

## God Planned; God Does (Isaiah 46:10)

- God can tell the end from the beginning and ancient events before they happen (sometimes over 2,600 years before) *because* He wrote the script! (Daniel 10:21; Psalm 139:16; Ezekiel 36-39; Revelation)
- (Acts 15:18) Known from eternity are all His works!
- The ABC's of Salvation - Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- It TOOK the TRIUNE GOD to save us and keep us saved!

## He Came to Do the Father's Will (Philippians 2:5-8)

- At the age of 12, . . .
- At His public ministry . . .
- About to go to the Cross . . .

## He Came to Die for His Brethren

- (Matthew 1:21-22) To save HIS people from their sin.
  - (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23) God's judgment on sin is death.
  - Christ came to set His people free from:
    - The **PENALTY** of sin. (Hebrews 9:12; Matthew 20:28; Galatians 3:13; Matthew 26:28; Romans 3:24-26; 1 John 4:10)
    - The **POWER** of sin. (Romans 6:14; 8:2; 1 Cor 10:13; 1 John 3:4-10; John 8:38)
    - The **PLEASURE** of sin. (Hebrews 11:25; Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163)
    - The **POLLUTION** of sin. (2 Peter 1:4)
    - The **PRESENCE** of sin. (Revelation 21:4, 27; 22:3; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:42-48)
- (Hebrews 2:12-13) "Here I am and the children whom God has given Me." (Psalm 22:22)

## Kinsman-Redeemer (Leviticus 25:47-49; Hebrews 2:11-12)

- Christ came to REDEEM His brethren. He came as their Kinsman-Redeemer:
  - ❶ They were His brethren before time began. He and His brethren have the same Father. (Hebrews 2:11-12; Matthew 12:49-50)

- ② He was ABLE to pay the cost to satisfy His Father's justice - He laid down His life and died in the place of His brethren. (1 Timothy 3:16)
  - ③ He was FREE Himself. In Him there was NO SIN. (2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 3:5)
  - ④ He was wealthy enough. He bought His brethren with His pure, blameless, precious blood.
    - He was RICH yet became poor for His brethren. (2 Cor 8:9)
    - He was the ONLY ONE able to purchase a soul. (Psalm 49:15)
  - ⑤ He was willing to redeem His brethren. (John 10:18; Eph 5:2; Gal 2:20) He voluntarily **gave** Himself for His brethren.
    - He came to give His life as a ransom for many - His brethren. (Matthew 20:28)
- Who are Christ's brethren? Am I one of whom Christ came to die for and save?  
READ Matthew 12:48-50.

### **It Was GOD!!!!** (Isaiah 53:6, 10; 1 John 4:10)

- God promises and the zeal of the LORD preforms it! (Isaiah 9:7)
- It was the PLEASURE of God to crucify His Son! (Isaiah 53:10)
- It was GOD who raised Christ from the dead for our justification? (Romans 4:25)
- God ALWAYS does what He pleases! (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 46:10; Job 23:13; Daniel 4:35)
- God does everything according to His purpose/plan/will. (Ephesians 1:11)

### **Price PAID!**

- (John 19:30) "It is finished!" or "It is PAID in FULL."
- "It" - The price - HIS BLOOD - the Cup of Wrath - Death
- "Paid in Full" - NOTHING, absolutely NOTHING, is owed!
  - GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.
- ★ IF CHRIST PAID THE PRICE IN FULL THEN GOD'S JUSTICE IS SATISFIED AND NOW GOD BESTOWS GRACE/MERCY ON ALL THOSE WHOM CHRIST DIED! **MEDITATE!**
- Back to God's eternal purpose.

### **He Came to Die for His Sheep** (John 10:7-30)

- (John 10:11, 15) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."
  - A look at the Shepherd. (Ezekiel 34 - "I will seek out My sheep . . . )
    - (Psalm 23:1) Christ is proclaiming that He is God!
    - A shepherd was entrusted with the sheep under his care.
      - Christ: John 10:27-29
      - Elders (under-shepherds) Acts 20:28

- A shepherd was always in the presence of his sheep, except at night when He left them in the care of the porter - as Christ did by sending His Holy Spirit. (John 14:26)
- In the New Testament Christ is referred to as the . . .
  - (John 10:11, 14) The **good** Shepherd.
  - (Hebrews 13:20) The **great** Shepherd.
  - (1 Peter 5:4) The **chief** Shepherd.
- (John 10:18) "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself."
  - (John 10:18) "This command I have received from My Father." (He came to do the will of the Father - Philippians 2:5-8; John 4:34; 5:30; Matthew 20:28; 26:39-42; 6:38; 14:31; Psalm 40:6-8; Hebrews 10:6-10)
  - (Titus 2:14) "who **gave** Himself *for us*." (Matthew 20:28; Galatians 1:4; 2:20; Ephesians 5:2, 25; 1 Timothy 2:6; Hebrews 9:14)
- (John 10:27-30) "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. . . My Father, who has given them to Me . . ."
  - A Look at sheep:
    - (v. 27) **ALL** Christ's sheep hear Him.
      - ✘ Contrast with: John 10:26 and John 8:47
    - (v. 27) Christ **KNOWS ALL** of His sheep.
      - ✘ Contrast this with, "***I never knew you!***" (Matt 7:23)
    - (v. 27) **ALL** of Christ's sheep follow Christ.
  - (John 6:37) ALL that the Father gives Me follow Me.
  - Christ gives eternal life to those who . . .
    - ① The Father gave Him. (John 10:28; 17:2-3)
    - ② FOLLOW Him (obey Him) (Matt 7:21; 12:50; 1 John 2:17)
- (John 10:26) "You do not believe **because** you are not of My sheep."
  - (John 8:47) "He who is of God hears God's words. . . You do not hear, **because** you are not of God."
  - (John 8:43) "Why do you not understand My speech? **Because** you are **not able** to listen to My word."

## To Him . . . (Romans 11:33-36)

- (Isaiah 48:9-11) FOR HIS OWN SAKE . . .
- Are you one of Christ's sheep? Do you HEAR His voice? Do you FOLLOW Him in obedience to His commandments? (John 10:27-29; 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
- Have you been saved from your sins? (Penalty, Power, Pleasure, Pollution)
- Are you in AWE that God gave you to His Son before the foundation of the world, God moved all history to save you, God sent His Son to be the propitiation for your sins, God raised His Son for your justification, God sent His Spirit as HIS GUARANTEE, and that God has promised to KEEP you to the end?