

Why did Jesus Come?

[Hebrews 2:14-17](#)

"...To Destroy the Devil" – December 13, 2020



Introduction

We all have fears, but how often do you think about death? Facing death should profoundly affect the way we live. It should prioritize for us the question of what comes after death. In that sense, death is something we should think about – it's a topic that's in the Bible and it's something we must all face. Hebrews 2:14-17 connects the incarnation of Jesus with being set free from the fear of death. The good news is that Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

- I. Jesus became like us
- II. In order to save us

Read & Discuss

- 1) Jesus became like us. Read [2:14-17](#)

Jesus did not come into existence merely at his human birth in Bethlehem. He has always been. Jesus existed forever, but now as we see in verse 14, has now become man - He took on flesh and blood. Jesus became a human in every respect – except that He is without sin. Have you thought about what that every respect looks like? It's an amazing encouragement to meditate on the fact that Jesus knows exactly what you are going through. He knows suffering and sympathizes with you better than anyone ever could. Whether a teenager dealing with being misunderstood, an adult struggling with the frustration of work, or just feeling tired and weary, Jesus understands all of these things, because He lived them. Jesus can sympathize with what's going on in our lives right now and He can show us the right way to navigate them. Isn't it amazing that God took on flesh to save us? Take some time this week and reflect on the "every respect" he became like us yet without sin. Praise God for this truth and ask for His help. He understands your circumstances and he is able to save.

Additional Reading: [Hebrews 1:3](#), [Hebrews 4:15](#)

- 2) ...In order to save us.

Why would Jesus step out of glory to live this life for us? He did it to deliver us from death and the curse of our own sin. By His death, He destroyed the power of death so we no longer need to fear death! Satan is a liar ([John 8:44](#)) and seeks to deceive us with lies that twist how

we think about God, our self, or our future. Jesus' death destroys the devil, shining through as the way, the truth, and the life.

There are healthy fears that keep us safe (*not touching a hot stove, not walking off a cliff, etc.*) but the focus here is fear that paralyzes us from doing the right thing. Do you struggle or shy away from doing the right thing, by living in obedience? Because we know how this story ends, we can live in confidence in today. We can take great encouragement in knowing that our Savior is merciful (He offered Himself) and He is faithful (He followed through). This atoning sacrifice means our sins are washed away, but it also means God is no longer angry with us. Do you believe that? Are you dwelling on past sin? Trust in Christ. All is washed away. God looks at you and sees His perfect Son. He met our greatest need. Are you living in thankfulness for God's love for you? Are you living in that joy? Are you moving towards others as Jesus did? He is our example. He stepped down and lived here for us. Knowing that, we should step out to build friendships with those around us who may not be like us.

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to confess? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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***Next week's sermon text:** we turn to [Mark 10:35-45](#) **"...To Serve"**