

## Jesus' Purpose in Life

What were some basic things that Jesus wanted His disciples to learn?

We can start by looking at His overriding purpose in coming to Earth.

Why did Jesus come to Earth? What was His purpose? What did He want to accomplish?

In His own words, Jesus said:

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*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* Mark 10:45 ESV

Jesus certainly was concerned about how people lived their lives. Life issues He addressed included anger, murder, lust, adultery, bearing false witness, vengeance, hypocrisy, forgiveness, money, anxiety, judging others, and more. (See Matthew 5-7)

And He knew that a teacher was one who taught not just through words but also by example. Jesus expected to serve as an example and that His disciples would, when fully taught, be like Him (Luke 6:40) - known to be honest, faithful, helpful, kind, and loving.

Is that the kind of person you want others to be? Is that the kind of person you want to be?

If you want to be that kind of person – the kind of person Jesus was, then Jesus said to follow Him, to learn from Him, and, when fully taught, you would be like Him. You should probably become His disciple – a Christian.

But Jesus was concerned about more than a person's character/behavior in this life. His main purpose in coming to Earth had to do with a person's eternal life.

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*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16 ESV

Central to His work on Earth was a mission to “seek and to save the lost.”, “to give His life as a ransom...”, “...that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

It bears repeating. Jesus came to find those who were lost, to ransom them, and to provide a way by which they would have eternal life.

In order to fully understand what this means, you have to understand some things about God, about God's relationship with mankind and our individual relationship with God, and about eternity.

When you have a greater understanding of why Christ came and what He has done, then you will have further reason to become His disciple - a Christian.

Read on.

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