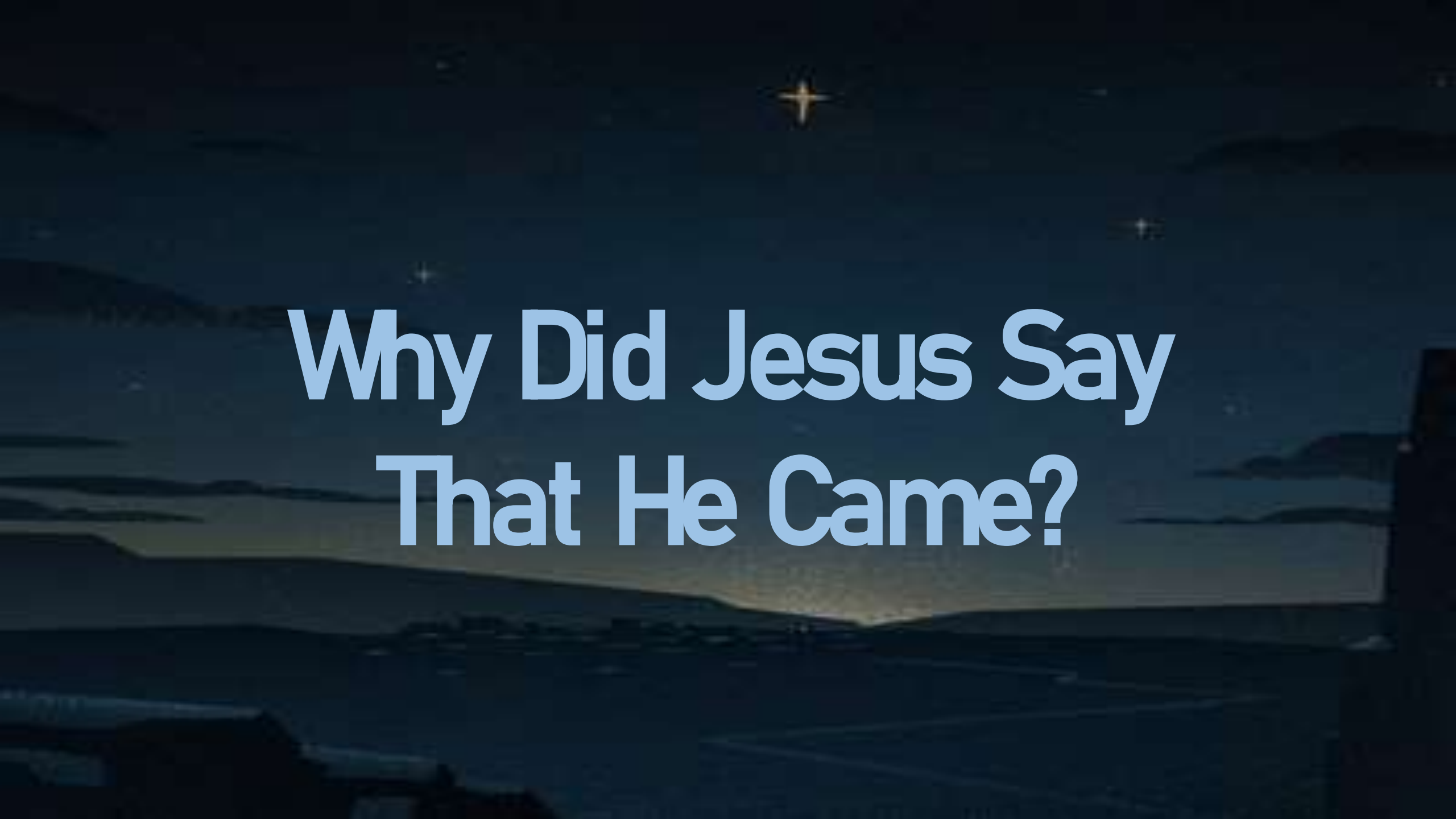


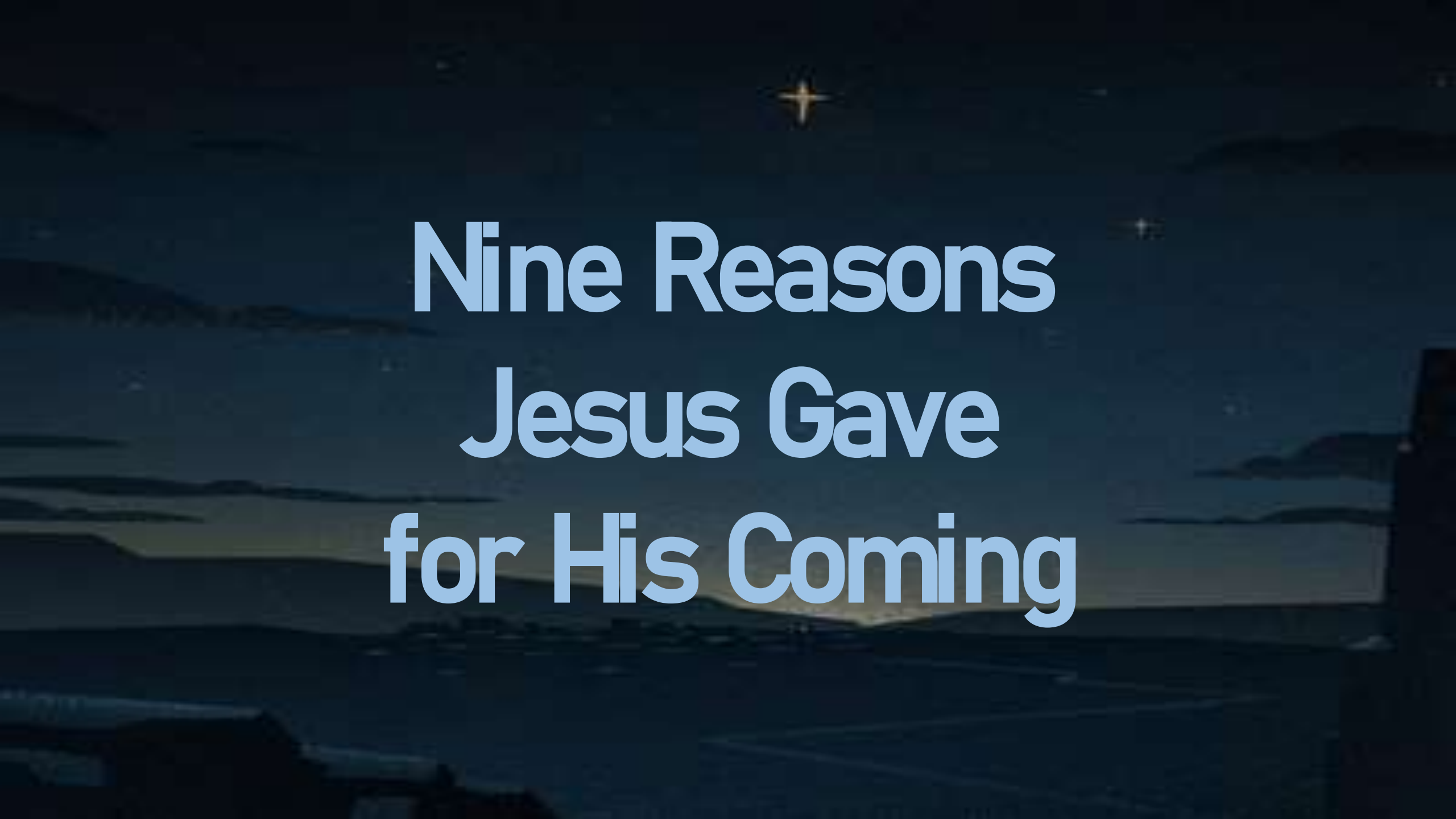


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- To complete them or satisfy their conditions**
  - To keep the Old Covenant and finish it**
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- Christ kept the Covenant of the Law as one man on behalf of many; thus, earning its blessings for all who believe.**
  - Christ suffered as though He had broken the Law; thus, suffering its curses for all who believe.**



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## **Reason #2 That Jesus Gave for His Coming... To Preach the Good News of the Kingdom.**

- He was the Living Word that came from God.**
- God speaks things into being through His words.**

**Because the Kingdom of Heaven is established by words...**

- we are people of The Book.**
- we are people of faith.**
- people enter it through the seed of the Word.**
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36 A man's enemies will be the members  
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## **Reason #3 That Jesus Gave for His Coming... To Bring a Sword (Division).**

- To preach a message that will divide people
  - To distinguish between the two seeds
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- The message of the cross is foolishness to some, but to others it is the power of God.
  - A true believer's love for Christ will offend and will cause division among their "people".



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## **To Seek and Save the (really) Lost.**

- To seek out those who are not seeking Him
  - To save those whom the world sees as unsavable
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- The true “Seeker” is the Good Shepherd who seeks for His lost sheep.
  - Christ saves the “unsavable” to prove that it is by His grace that we are saved, and nothing of us.



# 1 Timothy 1

15 This is a trustworthy saying, worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst.

16 But for this very reason I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His perfect patience as an example to those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

# John 9

35 When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found the man and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36 “Who is He, Sir?” he replied. “Tell me so that I may believe in Him.”

37 “You have already seen Him,” Jesus answered. “He is the One speaking with you.”

38 “Lord, I believe,” he said.

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# **Reason #5 That Jesus Gave for His Coming...**

**To Judge (Divide) the World and  
Give Sight to Some, and Blindness to Others**

- To hide truth from the proud and self-trusting**
- To reveal truth to the humble and child-like**

**The preaching of Christ will:**

- cause some to be blinded.**
- cause others to see.**



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**To Humbly Serve Others**

**And Give Himself as a Ransom for Many**

- The nature of the Kingdom is upside-down.
- The rulers self-sacrificially serve their people.
- The highest-ranking Elite in heaven has lowered Himself to the place serving sin-cursed men.
- Christ served to the point of giving up His life as payment for our release from the grasp of sin.

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## **To Give Eternal Life and Abundant Life**

- To give His sheep a great quality of life**
- To give His sheep unending, everlasting life**

**2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart.**

**Though our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day.**

**17 For our light and momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison.**

**18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**



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## **To Bring Truth to the Earth and Identify Those Who Belong to the Truth**

- The language of the Kingdom is truth.
  - The people of the Kingdom listen to truth.
- **Christ came to bring the light of truth to this dark world.**
- **Those who are “of the truth” will hear Christ’s words and follow Him .**



# John 8

43 Why do you not understand what I am saying?

It is because you are unable to accept My message.

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out his desires.

He was a murderer from the beginning, refusing to uphold the truth, because there is no truth in him.

# John 8

When he lies, he speaks his native language, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me!

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47 Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God.

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# **Reason #9 That Jesus Gave for His Coming... To Glorify the Father by Dying on the Cross**

- To shed His blood as a sacrifice for many
  - To glorify His Father with His death on the cross
- Jesus was a “seed” that was planted, so that in death, He might be multiplied into many.

**Ephesians 3:10 His purpose was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

