

Who Did Jesus Come to Save?

Matthew 1.21 "He will save His people from their sins..."

Not Jews only, but all - John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38; Acts 15:11

He came to save YOU!

Matthew 18.11 "...come to save that which was lost." (Also Luke 19.10 "to seek and...")

Not just "super religious"

Context is "who is the greatest?" Matt. 18.1

Followed in Matthew by parable of the lost sheep

All of us are lost! Without the Shepherd YOU are lost.

Luke 9.56 "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

Some actually think faith in Christ will ruin their lives!

Too restrictive - What is wrong with "Do unto others...?" "Love your neighbor as self?"

Jesus came to give us peace and life - "I am come that they might have life..." John 10:10

That life and peace is for YOU!

John 12.47 "I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."

The first time around...

But notice next verse - John 12:48

Which choice have you made? Reject or receive?

Luke 5.32 "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Not those who think they don't need to be saved

Romans 3:10, 23

The "self-righteous" are not found just in churches

1 Timothy 1.15 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."

True faith impossible without realizing condition

We cannot know God, nor be taught of Him, without coming to realize our sins in the process

1 Cor. 1.21 "...through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."

Only way you will come to know your condition

Only way you will come to know how to receive pardon, God's grace

He came to save those willing to listen, hear, and do

Hebrews 7.25 "Therefore He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

James 4.12 "There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy..."

By His commandments we can be saved

He is our Savior now

On that Day He will be our Judge - Heb. 10:31

Borrowed Sermon Illustration – The Insulted Governor

It is said that an old white-haired mother came to Governor Nash and said, "Governor Nash, I have come to speak to you in behalf of my poor boy who is soon to die in the electric chair. Governor, I have not come to ask for justice but for mercy, not for his sake but mine. He is my only son and support. Governor, if you can do anything, do it for my sake."

The governor was courteous and promised to look into the matter and see if anything could be done. Soon he went down to the prison where the poor boy was awaiting the day of execution. When the young man saw the governor, thinking he was a minister who had come to speak with him, he became very angry and insulting. He said to the governor, "I have no time for you and I will be pleased if you will let me alone."

"But," said the governor, "I have come to see you about an important matter and you might be interested." The young man almost cursed him and demanded that he leave him alone.

"Very well," replied the governor, "good-bye."

When the governor was gone the warden said to the young man, "How did Governor Nash and you get along?" When he learned that it was not a minister but the governor, he fell upon the concrete floor and cried, like a soul lost and damned,

"My God, have I insulted the only man who could save my life?"

Yes, that is just what he had done. And that is just what all are doing who are rejecting Jesus Christ. He is the only Saviour.

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