

Why did Jesus come to the Earth? Here are three verses that tell us why.

Luke 19:10: For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Matt. 9:12-13: But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

I Tim. 1:15: It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost.

How many of us went searching for Jesus before someone told us about Him? I'm guessing it's a small number.

When Jesus said that he came to this earth for every sinner, he meant everyone. That's because "There is none righteous, no not one." We are all sinners. So Jesus came for the person who fixes cars and the one who stays home with kids. The person who works in customer service and the person who is a doctor. The person who went to college and the person who didn't. The person who has been a Christian for 50 years and the person who hasn't come to Him yet. The best behaved person out there, and the vilest sinner there is.

We are told not to show favoritism to people here on Earth because God doesn't have favorites. He loves us all the same. It's possible that some of you may have family members (including kids!) that you like better than others for whatever reasons. That's not how God does it (thankfully). He loves us all the same. He went to the cross for all of us, regardless of our jobs, our personality, our hair color, our family, our mistakes.

I'd like to finish by singing a song that I learned in Klamath Falls that reminds me of Jesus' love for me and how that makes me feel. I hope His love shown by his sacrifice makes you feel the same way.

For those who may be reading this from home, you might want to check YouTube to find the song being sung. I'm don't know who did it, originally or since.

"I'm Forever Grateful"

You did not wait for me to draw near to you
But You clothed yourself in frail humanity
You did not wait for me to cry out to You
But You let me hear your voice calling me

And I'm forever grateful to You
I'm forever grateful for the cross
I'm forever grateful to You
That you came to seek and save the lost