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A. WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1. To Satisfy the Prophecies.

Jeremiah 31:15, NASB95 - ¹⁵ Thus says the LORD, "A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more."

2. To Show us the Father.

John 20:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

3. To Save us from Sin.

Hebrews 9:26, NLT - ²⁶ If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, [Jesus] has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.

4. To Sympathize with our Struggles.

John 11:33-35, NASB95 - ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept.

5. To Secure our Hope.

Romans 15:13, NIV84 - ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. BIBLICAL JOY

STUDY SECTION - Luke 2:10-12, NASB95 - ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great [GK: μέγας *méga*] joy [GK: χαρά *chará* (Great joy...is used here as a noun, in accusative (not indicative) case, singular voice, feminine gender meaning to be exceedingly glad, extremely excited, ecstatically jubilant...for its lemma is from *echári* (gladness) from *chará* (joy) that stems from the accusative derivative of *epidzo* (hope)...it is to experience the colossal hope of the future right now"] which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Joy (Direct quote from Bible Hub/Dr. W. Vine): The biblical definition of joy encompasses a deep sense of fulfillment and peace that comes from an intimate relationship with God. It is not merely a fleeting emotion but a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated through faith, trust and hope in God. Biblical joy is characterized by its stability and endurance, even in the face of trials, and is rooted in the knowledge that God works all things together for good. It is a choice to respond to life's challenges with inner contentment and satisfaction, reflecting a joy that transcends circumstances and is sustained by the presence of God now and the hope of what is to come.

1. The JOY of Simplicity!

Luke 2:10-11a, PME - Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of the greatest joy which is for all the people. This very day, in David's hometown, a Savior has been born for you!

Matthew 1:23, NIV84 - ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

2. The JOY of Salvation!

Luke 2:10-11, PME - Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of the greatest joy which is for all the people. This very day, in David's hometown, a Savior has been born for you! He is Christ, the Lord, the Messiah.

3. The JOY of Sharing!

- The Shepherds shared the good news. (Luke 2:17)
- The Wise Men gave gifts. (Matthew 2:11)
- We are called to share the Good News of Christ's coming. (Acts 1:8, Rom. 1:16, Acts 2:20, 1 Cor. 9:16, Psalm 107:2, 2 Cor. 5:20, Matt. 10:32)