

The Reason He Came

A Christmas Message for Monarch HTX Church

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Opening

Good morning, church.

Today is Christmas Sunday. And if you came expecting the traditional message about the baby in the manger, the shepherds in the field, and the wise men following the star—I need you to lean in, because the Father wants to take you deeper.

See, we've celebrated Christmas for years. We've sung the carols. We've set up the nativity scenes. We've told the story so many times we could recite it in our sleep. But I want to ask you a question this morning that I believe will shift your entire perspective:

Why did He have to come at all?

Not *how* He came. Not *where* He came. But *why*.

Because when you understand the *why*, Christmas stops being a holiday and becomes a revelation.

Part One: What Happened in the Garden

To understand why Jesus had to come, we have to go back to the beginning. Not the beginning of Matthew. Not the beginning of the Gospels. We have to go all the way back to Genesis.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NASB)

"Then God said, 'Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.' So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

Let me paint this picture for you.

God—the Creator of the universe, the One who spoke galaxies into existence—this God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed His own breath into him. He didn't just *make* humanity. He *imaged* Himself in humanity. He put His likeness, His nature, His authority into flesh.

And then He gave them dominion.

Rule. Subdue. Have authority.

Adam and Eve were not just gardeners in Eden. They were representatives of Heaven's government on Earth. They carried the image of God and the authority of God. Whatever Heaven looked like, they were supposed to manifest it on Earth.

This was the original design: **Heaven's reality demonstrated through human beings.**

But then something happened.

Genesis 3:1-6 (NASB)

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said, "You shall not eat from any tree of the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, 'You certainly will not die! For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.' When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate."

Here's what happened: The enemy deceived humanity into believing that what God had already given them—His image, His likeness—wasn't enough. He convinced them they needed something *more* to be like God.

But they were *already* like God! They were created in His image!

The lie wasn't just about fruit. The lie was about identity.

And when they believed the lie, something broke.

Genesis 3:7-10 (NASB)

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings. Now they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.'"

For the first time in human history, man was afraid of God. For the first time, shame entered the picture. For the first time, humanity hid from the One they were created to walk with.

And this is what sin did:

- It separated man from God's presence.
- It distorted man's identity.
- It stripped man of his authority.
- It introduced death into the human experience.

Romans 5:12 (NASB)

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned."

The curse wasn't just about thorns and painful labor. The curse was that humanity was now disconnected from their source. They were still made in God's image—but that image was fractured. They still had a purpose—but they no longer had the power to fulfill it.

And here's what I need you to understand this morning:

God didn't just want to forgive humanity. He wanted to restore humanity to everything they lost.

Part Two: Why God Had to Come in the Flesh

Now we can understand Christmas.

See, God could have forgiven sin from Heaven. He's God. He can do whatever He wants. But forgiveness wasn't the only issue. The issue was that humanity needed to be *restored*—brought back to the original design.

And here's the profound truth: **What was lost by a man had to be recovered by a man.**

This is why angels couldn't fix it. This is why the blood of bulls and goats could only cover sin temporarily. This is why prophets and priests and kings could only point to something greater.

Humanity broke it. Humanity had to fix it.

But no human could, because every human was born under the curse.

So God did something that only He could do.

John 1:1, 14 (NASB)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

The Word *became* flesh.

God didn't send an angel. He didn't send another prophet. He came Himself—wrapped in human skin, born through a woman, laid in a manger.

Philippians 2:6-8 (NASB)

"Who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross."

Listen to me: Jesus didn't come to earth just to die. He came to live the life that Adam was supposed to live. He came as the *second Adam*—the do-over, the reset, the restoration.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NASB)

"So also it is written: 'The first man, Adam, became a living person.' The last Adam became a life-giving spirit."

The first Adam received life. The last Adam *gives* life.

The first Adam lost dominion. The last Adam *restored* dominion.

The first Adam hid from God's presence. The last Adam *is* God's presence.

This is why Jesus had to come in the flesh. Because God needed to demonstrate—through a human being—what humanity was always supposed to look like.

Part Three: Jesus as the Example

Now here's where it gets personal. And here's where some of your theology might get stretched today.

Jesus didn't walk the earth as God showing off. He walked the earth as a man completely dependent on the Father—showing us what's possible when a human being is fully connected to Heaven.

John 5:19 (NASB)

"Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way.'"

John 5:30 (NASB)

"I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me."

Wait a minute. Jesus is saying, "I only do what I see the Father doing. I only speak what I hear the Father saying."

Does that sound like someone operating as Almighty God? Or does that sound like someone operating as a man in complete relationship with the Father?

This is the model! This is the example!

Jesus showed us that when a human being is fully submitted to the Father, fully connected to the Spirit, fully aligned with Heaven—the supernatural becomes natural. The impossible becomes possible. Heaven invades Earth.

He healed the sick—not to prove He was God, but to show what a Spirit-filled human being could do.

He cast out demons—not because only God can do it, but because He had authority, and He was demonstrating how to use it.

He walked on water. He multiplied bread. He spoke to storms. He raised the dead.

And then He said something that should shake every believer out of their spiritual slumber:

John 14:12 (NASB)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father."

Greater works.

If Jesus was doing miracles *as God*, why would He say we would do *greater* works? That would be impossible—no one is greater than God.

But if Jesus was doing miracles *as a man in right relationship with the Father*—then He was setting the template. He was blazing the trail. He was showing us what we were always supposed to be.

The Incarnation wasn't just about God visiting earth. It was about God showing humanity what we look like when we're restored.

Part Four: The Finished Work

Now let me bring this to completion.

Jesus came to reverse everything that happened in the Garden.

- In the Garden, man was separated from God. On the cross, the veil was torn, and access was restored.
- In the Garden, man lost his identity. Through Christ, we're called sons and daughters again.
- In the Garden, man forfeited dominion. Through Christ, we're seated in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers.
- In the Garden, death entered. Through Christ, death is defeated.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

You're not a forgiven sinner trying to hold on until Heaven. You're a *new creation*. The old passed away. Everything became new.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Read that again. You didn't just receive righteousness. You *became* righteousness. Not because of what you do—but because of whose you are.

Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Christ lives in you. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. The same connection Jesus had with the Father is available to you.

This is the finished work.

Not finished meaning there's nothing left to do. Finished meaning the foundation is complete. The work of redemption is done. The price is paid. The curse is reversed.

Now it's our turn to walk in it.

Part Five: You Are the Continuation

Here's where I need every ear in this room.

Jesus finished the work of redemption. But He started something that we are called to continue.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

All authority. And then He says *go*.

He's not keeping the authority to Himself. He's delegating it to us. He's sending us out with the same power and presence that He walked in.

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

You will receive power. Not suggestions. Not encouragement. *Power*.

And what do we do with that power? We become witnesses. Not just with our words—but with our lives. We demonstrate what Jesus demonstrated. We do what Jesus did. We show the world what a restored human being looks like.

The Gospel isn't just about getting people saved so they can go to Heaven when they die. The Gospel is about bringing Heaven to Earth *right now*, through a people who know who they are and whose they are.

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

You are His workmanship. His masterpiece. His finished product. Created in Christ Jesus—restored, redeemed, and re-commissioned.

The baby born in Bethlehem didn't come just to save you *from* something. He came to restore you *to* something.

He came so that you could walk like Adam was supposed to walk. Live like Adam was supposed to live. Rule like Adam was supposed to rule.

Closing

Church, this is Christmas through Heaven's eyes.

A baby in a manger. The Creator in creation. God wrapped in flesh. Not because He missed us—though He did. Not because He loved us—though He does. But because something was broken that only He could fix, and the only way to fix it was to become one of us.

He didn't just come to die. He came to live. To model. To demonstrate. To show us what we were always supposed to be.

And now He's not in a manger anymore. He's seated at the right hand of the Father. And where is He? In you.

Colossians 1:27 (NASB)

┃ "...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

You are the hope of glory. You are the continuation of what He started. You are the demonstration of Heaven on Earth.

So this Christmas, don't just celebrate that He came. Understand *why* He came.

And then go be the reason.

Let's pray.

Father, I thank You for this family. I thank You for opening our eyes to see Christmas the way You intended. You didn't just come to save us—You came to restore us. You came to show us who we really are. And now, You live inside of us. Help us to walk in the fullness of what You purchased. Help us to be the demonstration of Your Kingdom on this earth. We receive our identity today. We receive our authority today. We say yes to the finished work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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