

# Why Jesus Came

December 19, 2021

**John 10:10** "...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

## **Luke 19:1-10 - Story of Zacchaeus**

**vs.5** "Quick, come down. I must be a guest in your home today."

**vs.9-10** "Salvation has to come to this home today...For the Son of Man **came to seek and save those who are lost.**"

*Jesus wants us to have true fulfilling purposeful life... but first we must realize **we are lost on our own.***

## **Luke 15 - Parables of "the lost"**

**vs.3-7** "...won't he leave the ninety nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is **lost** until he finds it..."

**vs.8-10** "...in the same way there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

## **vs. 11-32 - parable of the "two" sons**

**vs.20** "...and while he was still a long way off, his Father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced and kissed him."

**vs.32** "We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He **was lost**, but now he is found!

*Too often we think Christianity is about some religious experience but Jesus simply wanted to bring us back HOME!*

**Romans 8:15** "So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead you received God's Spirit when **he adopted you** as his own children."

**Romans 8:31-39** "...nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God..."

**MEMORIZE TOGETHER 52 Verses over 52 Weeks** This weeks memory verse is **James 3:13 NLT**

*"If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom."*

**READ TOGETHER IN 2022** **Read with our NTC Family** Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan for 2022.

**2022 VISION OFFERING** **What part will you play?** So far \$51, 560 has been pledged toward our goal of raising \$200,000 for our building renovations, repaving our parking lot, and contributing to Mannahouse Globals church planting fund. Pledge cards are in the backs of the seats.

**LIVE NATIVITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE** **Stay after the Service Today!** If your kids would like to participate in our Christmas Eve Service then stay after the service. Lunch will be provided.

**WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET** **Stop by for refreshments!** Stop by the welcome room after the service for a meet & greet.

**BJS GROUP MEMBERSHIP** **Renewal Time** It is time to renew your membership. Instructions are available at the information desk.

*this week...*

**CROSS CURRENT** **Tonight at 6pm** 7th-12th graders gather for a Christmas party which includes great food, awesome games, and of course the reason for the season - Jesus!

**ONLINE WEDNESDAYS** **7pm on Facebook & YouTube** Tune in Wednesday for a special Christmas message!

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** **in Ogdensburg at 7pm** We will be gathering one more time at the Freight House on Thursday.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** **in Massena at 6pm on Friday!** Join us for this one-hour service where we sing some traditional Christmas carols, read scripture together, and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

*coming up....*

**YOUTH ALL NIGHTER** **New Years Eve!** Register your teens now for a night of fun from 10:30pm to 6:00am. \$10 per person. Register on our website or Facebook.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER IN JANUARY** **kicking off in Ogdensburg on January 5th at 7pm** We will pray together in Ogdensburg launching weekly services on January 9th and continue praying together online through Facebook Live throughout the month of January.

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