**FIVE THINGS JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO DO**
**Matthew 20:28**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. There can be ***NO*** doubt Jesus came to earth and He came for specific reasons.

 A. As with all things done by God, there was a purpose for Him Coming.

2. As [we] discuss this, let’s consider *“Five Things Jesus Came To Earth To Do”*.

 A. Without a doubt, [we] must see [clearly] how He Came for [**our]** benefit.

**BODY:**

**1. TO MINISTER, *NOT* TO BE MINISTERED TO (Mt 20:28)**
 A. Everywhere He went, good was being done (Mt 4:23; Ac 10:38).
 1. He did good because He was God. Everything good comes from God (Jas 1:17).
 A. Do [we] have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16)?
 2. Every bad thing comes from the devil because he is the father of lies (Jn 8:44).

 A. Jesus said the devil came to steal, kill and destroy (Jn 10:10).
 3. The devil is the author of every evil and bad thing, while God is the author of every good and perfect thing (Gen 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31).
**2. TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST (Lk 19:10)**
 A. Jesus halted beneath the tree and invited Himself as a guest to Zacchaeus’ home.

 1. The one in all Jericho who most needed the Savior was discovered by Him and saved. 2. The GRACE of God is ever in search of those who are in need to be saved.
3. This was His Ministry [then] and it is [still] His Ministry, today.
 A. The reason: [He] is unchanging (Heb 13:8).
 B. The need is still (and forever will be) present.

 1. Over the years, have you met a person who does **NOT** need to be saved?
B. Jesus is looking more for [us], than [we] are for Him.

 1. Nevertheless, if [we] seek Him, [we] will find Him (Mt 7:7; 11:28 – 30).
**3. TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM (Mk 10:45)**
 A. Jesus paid the price for [our] *full* salvation with His Blood and Life.

 1. Because He lives, [we] can live also (Rom 5:9; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; 1 Pet 1:18, 19).
 B. When [we] finally realize what Jesus did for [us], [we] must help by returning His Love.

 1. This is accomplished by [obeying] Him (Jn 14:15; Heb 5:8, 9).
 A. [We] come to Christ ***NOT*** due to the fear of hell (though ***NO*** doubt this plays a

 part in it), **BUT** due to the LOVE of God that brings MAN to God (Rom 2:4).
 C. God wants [all] to be saved (2 Pet 3:9).
**4. TO GIVE LIFE AND LIFE ABUNDANTLY (Jn 10:10)**
 A. God wants to supply [all] our needs, daily (Mt 6:11, 34; Php 4:19; Jas 4:13, 14).
 1. [We] can take confidence, God will never let [us] down (Mt 28:20; Heb 13:5).
 B. Sometimes [our] faith is tried; **BUT**, God always provides a way of escape (1 Cor 10:13).
 1. Our [faith] is tried due to [our] *human* weakness, ***NOT*** due to God (Jas 1:13 – 15).
**5. TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL (1 Jn 3:8)**

A. This He Did on the cross when He said “…It is finished…” (Jn 19:30).
 1. This He did at His Resurrection, when He overcame Hades, Death and the Grave.
 A. The work begun at Calvary, continues at the right hand of the Majesty on High.
 1. He LIVES by making intercessions in heaven as [our] Advocate and Lawyer.

 A. Rom 8:34; 1 Tim 2:5; 1 Jn 2:1