

## *This is Why I Came*

**John 12:27 (NKJV) “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

**Why do you do what you do?**

*Why are you here, in this life?*

*We can all give many reasons why we do what we do.*

Life is filled with a diversity of justifications.

Why do you do what you do?

You say, “It’s because I am a father.”

You are not just a father.

You are a businessman.

You are a husband.

You are a buyer and seller.

You have to learn to wear many hats.

You are a carpenter and plumber.

You are a counselor and advocate.

You are an auto mechanic and a bicycle repairman.

You are not just a mother.

You are a housewife and a businesswoman.

You have learned to juggle many things at one time.

You can bring home the bacon and cook it.

You know the how to balance the books and juggle schedules.

***We have become diversified.***

***Have you noticed that in the Bible people are often remembered for only one thing?***

Abraham was remembered for his faith in God.  
Jacob wrestled with God.  
Jonah had one revival meeting in a town he didn't want to go to.  
Job pleased God, but is known for his tested and true faith.  
Rahab was known as the harlot that helped the spies.  
Nehemiah is known for his weeping.

***Jesus Christ said He came into this world to do one thing.***

***He came to do the will of the Father that sent Him.***

Every word He spoke revealed the way the Father thought.

Every kindness revealed the Father's love and mercy.

Every miracle demonstrated the Father's power.

Everything He did was to reveal the Father.

***Once we have accepted that, we must leave Bethlehem.***

***We cannot even dwell in Nazareth.***

***There are things that go on in Bethlehem and Nazareth that draw our attention.***

We want to stay where the Angels sang.

We want to hear their song.

We want to go to the Inn and see the stable.

We like the peaceful scene of Christ in the manger.

We want to know the Wisemen and the Shepherds.

***These things are intriguing.***

***Think about the journey that Jesus Christ took.***

He left His home in Glory and came to dwell with men.

I like to think about all of the wonderful things that He did.

***It excites me to see the Messiah walking the streets:***

Here is a blind man to be healed.

Here is a leper.

Here is a helpless cripple.

Here is a grieving mother and her dead son.

Here is a troubled soul.

Over and over, He reached out to the sick and dying.

Often He delivers the bound and sets captives free.

Here is a dead man in a tomb that He calls out of the grips of death.

***When I look at the wonder working power of God that is demonstrated, I want to pause the procession, I want to stop the progression.***

I want to visit the scene where the Lepers are cleansed.

I want to be in the house where the man is let down through the roof.

I want to pause and think about the wonderful works of God.

***There are many wonderful things to think about.***

I love to think about Him coming to set sinners free.

I love to think about His grace, mercy, and love.

***I want to hold on to the warm feelings of His tender touch and outstretched hand.***

***No wonder the Disciples had difficulty with the last week of Jesus Christ's life before His passion.***

They had grown familiar with the Divine and the supernatural.

They were comfortable at the feet of Jesus.

They loved the Word and the Ministry of Jesus Christ. Never had they heard a man speak like He spoke.

He spoke with authority and with power. He possessed a faith and confidence they had never known.

They were able to trust their lives totally in His care. They could face troubled seas with Him in the boat. They could have answers for the oppressed and hurting.

They could walk under the shadow of the Almighty.

**I want to leave this right there and go to our text.**

*In John 11, Jesus had just raised Lazarus from the dead.*

It was a stellar day.

Jesus simply said: "Lazarus, Come forth."

He came out of the grave bound hand and foot with grave clothes.

Jesus told them to lose him and let him go.

*In John 12 Jesus was with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha.*

The scripture says that Mary took a pound of costly oil and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair.

***The people became indignant at her.***

Then Jesus said it: ***"Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial..."***

***She did this for the day of "My burial."***

***"My burial"***

Those words must have stung.

***Shortly after this Jesus made the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem.***

The crowd thronged Him.

The people had heard that Jesus had called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead.

*It is at the end of that Triumphal entry that Jesus said: John 12:23-28 (NKJV) But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”*

*This started Christ’s last week.*

*Jesus knew this was the purpose for His coming.*

I thank God for every miracle.

I praise God that Jesus raised the dead.

It is exciting to follow His journey from Nazareth.

- If Christ had stopped with healing the Sick
- If He opened every blind eye, and caused every deaf ear to hear
- If He had raised all of their dead
- If He had opened all of the Scriptures and gave God’s wisdom and knowledge

- If He had removed all suffering from man
- If there was no more pain
- If He had supplied all of our needs
- If He had relieved stress and grief

***Yet, if Christ had refused to go on when His soul became troubled***

- If He had made it to the Garden of Gethsemane and refused to go on to Golgotha
- If He would have said, “this cup is too hard...”
- If He would have said, “I cannot bear this exceedingly sorrowful moment.”
- If He could not have withstood the denial of His friends
- If He could not have endured the abandonment and shame
- If He had stopped short when the sorrow became so great that His soul felt the power of sin and death

***You would not know forgiveness of your sins***

***You would not have a door of entry into the presence of God.***

***You would not be able to approach the Father in prayer.***

***You would not have the hope of heaven.***

***You would still be buried in your sins.***

***If Christ had stopped when the sorrow was exceedingly terrible...***

You would not have a divine and holy High Priest

You would not be able to receive healing and cleansing

You would know nothing of the grace, mercy, and peace of the Father.

*If He came to the moment when the Soldiers began to beat and mock*

If He came to the Crown of Thorns and said this is more than I can bear

If when the accumulation of all of our sin was laid upon Him He said this is too terrible and burdensome

If when the Father could no longer look upon Him because He took and bore our sin He would have said: I cannot go on and finish this.

*If when He cried Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? (My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?)*

*If He would have stopped....*

*We would not know that God so loved the sinful world that He gave His only Son to DIE...*

We would not know how great the Love of God is.

We would not know how deep His grace and mercy goes

We would not know that He is willing to save to the uttermost all who would come to God by Christ

We would be eternally lost and without hope.

We would be buried with our guilt, grief, and shame.

We would be oppressed, afflicted, and tormented without help.

*I am so glad that Jesus was willing and able to take that bitter cup.*

He took my sin, sorrow, and grief upon Himself.

He bore my judgment.

He endured my shame.

He took my sicknesses.

He bore my diseases.

**“There is power in the blood of Jesus Christ!”**

We must never forget the power of His blood.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is clear about the shedding of blood and its purpose in our salvation.

In the garden, God slew an innocent animal to provide covering for Adam and Eve.

The firstborn of the flock became the acceptable sacrifice in the Old Testament.

**Ultimately, in Scripture we see the bleeding lambs, replaced once and for all by the bleeding Lamb of God on the cross ...**

***His precious blood flows from Calvary.***

Make no mistake the greatest gift God ever gave you was not your stuff, your place, or your position in life.

**The greatest gift was His Son who shed His blood.**

The blood Jesus shed on the cross still has power today and is the key to every victory in your life.

On the first Good Friday, more than 2,000 years ago, all of hell broke into a party thinking, ***“We finally got Him. We put Jesus down for good.”***

***But it wasn't over because the blood never lost its power.***

Jesus rose... and because He rose, you and I can too.

The enemy is still out to steal, kill and destroy you, your children, your dreams and destiny.

But, never forget the battle is the Lord's.

Take your burdens to the Lord and put them under the blood!

**The blood of the Lamb prevails** over cancer, afflictions and any trial you may be facing.

You may be in a family crisis... there is power in the blood of Jesus.

Put it under the blood!

You may fear losing your home or job, there is still power in the Blood of Jesus.

Put it under the blood.

You can't see your way out of a situation?

Put it under the blood!

***This is the reason why we celebrate.***

***There is power in the Blood of Jesus.***

This is the reason why we rejoice.

***There is power in the Blood of Jesus.***

This is the reason for joy, and hope.

This is the reason for peace.

***There is power in the Blood of Jesus.***

Jesus loved me enough.

Jesus loved the sinner enough.

Jesus loved the unlovely.

Jesus loved the vile and the wicked.

Jesus LOVED ME.

He loved me enough to suffer.

He loved me enough to be humiliated.

He loved me enough to be forsaken.

He loved me enough to be beaten.

He loved me with His cross.

***He Loved Me With His Cross.***

**When you think about Jesus love:**

Don't stop with the miracles and the healing.

Don't stop with the tender words of a loving Shepherd.

Don't stop with the prayers and the thought provoking teaching.

## When you think about the Love of Jesus... When you think about the Lord...

Think about the cross.

Think about the crown of thorns.

Think about the Roman whip and the strips on His back.

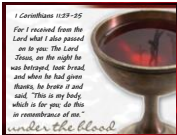
Think about the lonely hours on the cross.

Think about the agony and the suffering Savior.

***Think about the powerful blood of the Lord.  
God so loved...that He gave.***

### ***When I think about the Lord***

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#### ***1 Corinthians 11:23-25***

*For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

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#### ***1 Corinthians 11:23-25***

*In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*