

Following JESUS

Part Six – His Mission



Introduction...

- We finished session five with our Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- He was agonising over the gruesome fate awaiting Him at the Cross.
- It was so dark and harrowing that our Lord was tempted in His natural self to back away.
- He even prayed for the impossibility of the impossible!



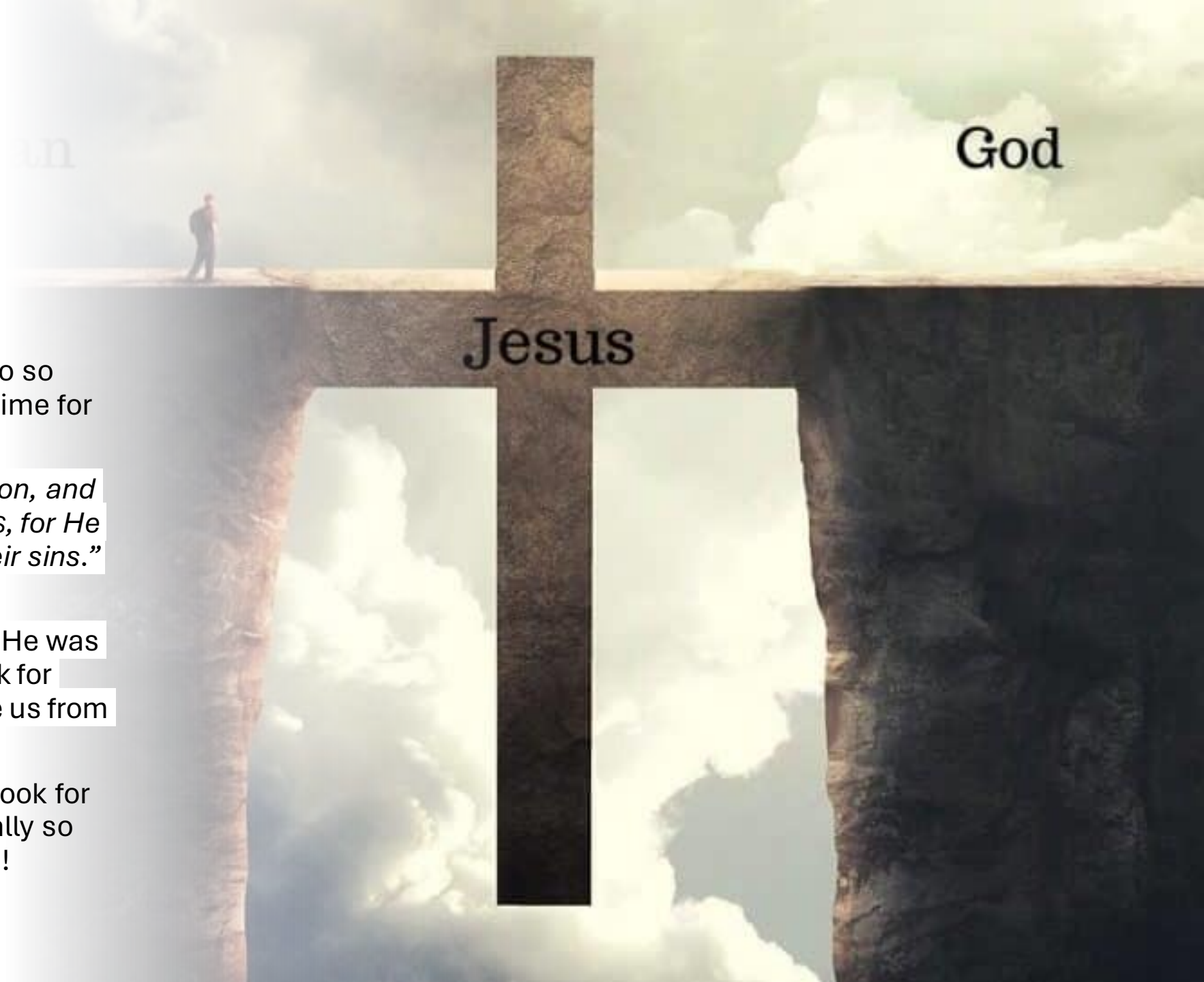
Introduction..

- Why did Jesus come into the world?
- The Church seems to have lost its focus
- Our focus should be on Jesus and why He came.
- In this session, we will allow scripture to tell us why He came.
- As we meditate on these passages, may our eyes be reopened to what should be most important.



The Mission?

- Why did Jesus have to pray so so hard as He approached the time for which He was Born?
- *21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21*
- One of the reasons was that He was about to accomplish the task for which He was born... to save us from our SIN.
- We may never know what it took for God in the flesh to die naturally so that we may have eternal life!



Everlasting Life...

- *38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*
- *39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up at the last day.*
- *40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”*
- John 6:38



Found...

- Jesus was praying hard so that all those ordained for eternal life may not be lost.
- He came to do the will of the Father.
- He hints at the fact that being in the natural can deviate from the will of God.
- “I came not to do my own will but the will of the Father...”
- Everyone who believes shall be saved.



Bread...

- *48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.*
- *50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.*
- *51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread,*
- *he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”*
John 6:48-51



Life...!

- He is LIFE
- Religion is death
- Believing in Jesus is more than a mental attitude
- It is a change of nature:
- *17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*
2 Corinthians 5:17



Hope..

- ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. Mk 10:45
- ¹³ *looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*
- ¹⁴ *who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed*
- *and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*
Titus 2:13-14



Love...

- *⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.*
- *⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good.*
- *⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*
Romans 5:6-8



BFF...!

- *⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.*
- *¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.*
- *¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.*
Romans 5:9-11



Best
FRIENDS

Fear God!

- ²⁸ *“Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only, who can destroy both soul and body in hell*
- Many Christians have been wrongly taught about God.
- Some even believe that the judgements in the Old Testament were not from God but were wrong translations.
- I am sorry but that is simply not true. There are just too many Scriptures to show that there is a JUDGEMENT side to God that is beyond words!

Pour...!

- *Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”*
- *So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.*
- *The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.*
- *The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,*
- *“Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments.*
- Revelation 16:1-5



ALL...!

- *²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air.*
- *They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.*
- *²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.*
Genesis 7:23-24



Fire...!

- And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.
- ¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*.
- And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- Revelation 20:9-10



White Throne...

- *11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.*
- *12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before [c]God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*
- *13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.*
- *14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second [d]death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 20*



Wrath..

- ⁹ *For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,*
- ¹⁰ *and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*
1 Thess 1:10



Wrath to come..

- ⁹ *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him*
Romans 5:9
- ⁷ *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”*
Matthew 3:7



Saved...

- *⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*
- *⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*
- *⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
1 John 1:5-7



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