

The Wednesday Word, January 3, 2018: He Came, He Sought, He Saved

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

He Has Come

What a beautiful word is that word ‘Come.’ The Lord says;

“Come now let us reason together” (Isaiah 1:18).

“Come unto me all you that are weary and heavy laden” (Matthew 11:28).

“Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for thee” (Matthew 25:34).

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

And; “...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).

What a marvelous little word is the word ‘COME’.

He has Come to Seek

In the Old Testament, in Deuteronomy 4:29, we are told “..seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”

What a wonderful promise, but no one attains to it. Such a degree of passion for the Lord was and is unreachable. Seek with **all** your heart and soul ?? ...that scuppered the most diligent of us. This is why we read in Romans 3:11 ‘there is none that seeks God.’

But because of our inability to seek with all our heart and soul, Emmanuel, God with us, came to this earth to seek us. In Christ, we are now perfect seekers.

Adam, our first Father was sought by God, but Adam ran away. That’s where we learned our skills of avoiding God. Adam wasn’t looking for God, He was desperate to escape from his Creator and thus went into hiding. Sin had made both him and his descendants cowards.

Jesus came to this Earth to seek. He came and sought out the big uneducated fishermen on the shores of Galilee.

He sought the young, fit tax-collector, Zacchaeus and by His Spirit, He is still seeking today! But not only did He come to seek ...

He Has Come to Save

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men (Titus 2:11). Notice the precision of this verse. Jesus (the Grace of God) has come to bring salvation. He didn’t come to attempt to bring salvation. He had and has a mission, a task, a goal. He has come with a purpose.

He didn’t come to teach academic studies.

He didn’t come to settle political differences.

He didn’t come to tickle the ears of His listeners.

He came to seek and to save.

He came to make an atonement by the shedding of His blood. He came to save us from the penalty, pleasure and ultimately the presence of sin.

In Conclusion

Finally, who did He come to seek and to save? He came to seek and to save the 'lost'. And here's the truth of the matter: until a person is lost they cannot be found!

I love the following story. George Whitefield, one of the greatest Gospel ministers since the days of the apostles, had a brother who was far from God.

One day as the Countess of Huntingdon was witnessing to him over a cup of tea he said to her, "I know what you have said is very proper, and I believe in the infinite mercy and goodness of God. But I do not believe it applies to me, for I am a lost man."

The Countess put down her tea and said, "I am glad to hear it, Mr. Whitefield!"

"Madam," he said, "I did not think you would rejoice and glory in a thing so terrible as that."

"I am glad to hear you say you are lost Mr. Whitefield," she said, "for it is written that Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost."

His eyes sparkled, and he said, "I thank God for that text, and for the extraordinary power with which it has now come into my heart."

He died later that night.