

Matthew 18:11 The Reason Jesus Came to the World

Introduction: This text gives the reason Jesus came to the world. He came to save the lost.

I. The lost condition of mankind.

- A. The text makes it obvious that somebody was lost. (It does not tell why or how many.)
- B. We must look back to the Garden of Eden to learn why.
 - 1. Adam ate the forbidden fruit.
 - 2. Not only did Adam become a sinner, but all of his descendants inherited the nature of sin. (In body and spirit.)
 - 3. Thus all became sinners in both nature and deed, Romans 5:12.
- C. Thus all mankind was lost and except a Savior be sent all would go to hell. (Every man, woman, boy, and girl.)
- D. There is no way to understand what danger there is involved. (Because we cannot understand how great the sufferings would be.)

II. The coming of Jesus to the world.

- A. In order that man might be saved, Jesus came to the world.
- B. He came by way of the virgin birth.
 - 1. If He had been born of an earthly father, he would have inherited the sin nature of Adam and would have been just another sinner.
 - 2. But by being born of a virgin He would be without the sin nature of man.
 - 3. He is Deity God in human flesh and could be the Savior.
- C. Jesus knew that He must go to the cross.
 - 1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission, Hebrew 9:22.
 - 2. He had no sins of His own but went to the cross to pay for (suffer for) the sins of others.
- D. Jesus had already come; now He has already gone to the cross.
 - 1. The redemption price has been paid.
 - 2. Salvation is offered to every man, John 3:16; Revelation 22:17; Romans 10:13.

III. A closer examination of His purpose.

- A. His purpose is to save the sinner.
- B. This means that He did not come merely to set a good example for men to follow.
 - 1. He did not come to show sinners how to save themselves, but to save sinners.
 - 2. You cannot get saved by turning over a new leaf or by doing any good deeds, Titus 3:5.
- C. Jesus is well able to save.
 - 1. He can forgive the sinner of every sin, I John 1:7.
 - 2. He can change the depraved inward spirit so that it no longer has the nature of sin, I John 3:9.
 - 3. He can raise the sinful body and change it into a body that cannot sin and cannot die.
- D. He can keep the sinner from going to hell; He can make sure that he gets to heaven, I Peter 1:5.

IV. The situation as it stands now.

- A. Jesus has saved all who have trusted Him as Savior, John 1:12.
 - 1. Back when I was sixteen He saved me when I trusted Him.
 - 2. Some of you have trusted Him and when you did, He saved you.
- B. But there are others of you who are not yet saved.
 - 1. The reason you are not saved is because you have not yet trusted Him as your Savior. John 3:18.
 - 2. If you never trust Him you will never be saved.
 - 3. But if you will trust Him, then Jesus will save you.

Conclusion:

- 1. Let me appeal to you who are lost to trust Jesus right now and be saved.
- 2. Let me appeal to you who are saved to live for Jesus.
- 3. Let me appeal to you to be concerned about those who are lost.

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