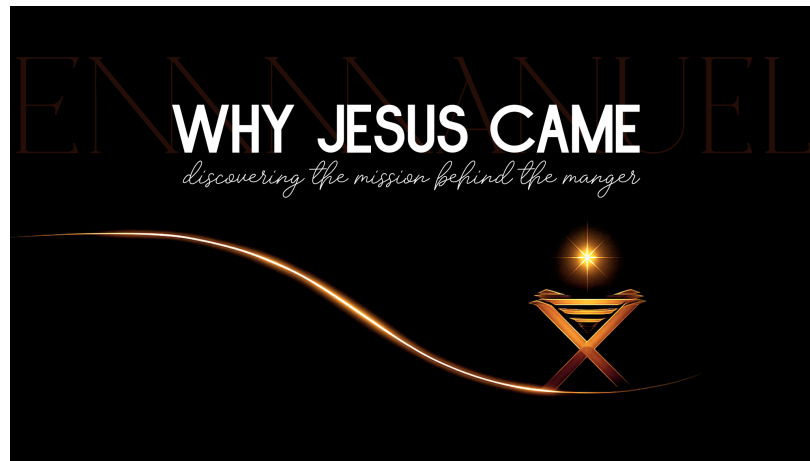




Why Jesus Came ~ John 1:1-18
November 16, 2025

Central Truth

Jesus came so we can know what God is truly like

1. Jesus reveals that God is eternal and 3 in 1.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **was** God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

Ephesians 1:9-10

2. Jesus reveals that God is not distant or hidden.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, **he has made him known.**

How to carry on the Manger Mission

1. Read
2. Replace
3. Remember

NEXT WEEK: Jesus Came to Seek and Save the Lost

Questions for the Community

Personal Reflection

1. What's a misconception you once held about God that has changed over time? What helped correct it?
2. When you think about Jesus' arrival at Christmas, what feelings or memories surface—curiosity, confusion, nostalgia, awe? What do you want for THIS season?

Group Discussion

3. Read John 1:1-3. What stands out to you about Jesus being present "in the beginning"? How does this inform the way you think about Him?
4. In verse 14, John says the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us." What does that communicate about God's posture toward humanity?
5. What does it mean to "receive" Jesus and "believe in His name"? (vv. 12-13) How does this help us truly know God?
6. Looking back over the "10 Misconceptions" from Sunday:
 - Which have you personally wrestled with?
 - Which of Jesus' corrections was the most surprising or comforting to you? Why?
 - Why do you think humans so easily project their assumptions or fears onto God?
 - If someone asked you, "What is God really like?" how would you answer based on what Jesus reveals?

Plan of Action

7. Use these as prompts for a closing time of prayer:
 - Thank God for revealing Himself through Jesus
 - Confess any false views of God that have shaped your thinking
 - Ask for eyes to see the Father clearly in Christ
 - Pray that your group becomes a community that reflects Jesus' character to others