

I Timothy 3:16**He Came to Redeem Man**

When man sinned against the Son of God, he sinned against the clearest possible light, "the Light of the world", [John 1:11](#), [John 8:12](#)

How sinful is the heart of man? Look at that spectacle on Calvary's hill and you will see human hearts and hands at their worst. [Luke 22:66-65](#), [Luke 23:35-37](#)

If our blessed Lord were to appear in person today as He did nineteen centuries ago, would the world crucify him again knowing The world, having seen the light, and has turned from the light, [John 3:19](#)

The Old Testament contains the accurate record of some four thousand years of sin, human failure, and consequent Divine judgment. The one bright hope was the coming of the promised Seed, the Redeemer [Genesis 3:15](#). [Isaiah 53](#).

Since the people needed a deliverer from the guilt and penalty of sin, the intent of the Incarnation was to provide that Deliverer. Moreover, [Galatians 4:4,5](#)

Jesus Christ is mankind's Redeemer, his Saviour. This truth is indicated in His name. [Matthew 1:21](#), [Luke 2:11](#), [Luke 19:10](#)

The awful state of the world of mankind demands the coming of the Redeemer since there could be no hope of deliverance apart from Him. [Psalm 50:22](#)

In order to be true to Himself, God had to deal with the problem of sin. In order to deal justly and, at the same time, mercifully, someone had to suffer the death penalty for the sin of the world. [Hebrews 2:9](#)

The Word, who is the eternal Son of God, became flesh and was obliged to be made in the likeness of man in order to redeem him. [Mark 2:17](#)

All mankind needs to own-up that we all need a Savior. [Romans 3:10](#), [I Timothy 1:15](#)

Let us consider the conditions under which Christ stated this purpose. [Mark 2:14-16](#)

Although all men are unrighteous, for those who possessed self-righteousness is as "filthy rags" in God's sight [Isaiah 64:6](#),

When a man assumes a righteousness all his own, he is outside the reach of the Great Physician. [Romans 10:1-5](#)

HE CAME TO RESTRAIN SATAN

The coming of Jesus Christ was to destroy the devil. [Hebrews 2:9, 14,15](#)

The Word affirms that the Son of God became incarnate that "through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Of all the works of Satan, among the worst is that of destroying life. [John 8:44](#), [John 10:10](#)

Christ's crucifixion by wicked hands was "by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" [Acts 2:23](#), [Matthew 20:28](#)

Jesus Christ willed to die, not a sudden and unexpected death but a lingering, anticipated death that He would taste every day of His earthly sojourn. He became man to suffer death. [Hebrews 5:8](#)