

Evening Lesson

WHY JESUS?

John 1:1-5, 14

INTRO:

1. "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"
2. The gospels ask and answer this question.
3. He came to save us from sin.
4. Another reason he came was to educate mankind.
5. There is one other thread running through the gospels that answers our question.

I. THE HIDDEN GOD.

A. Moses and the encounter at Sinai. **Ex. 33:18-23**

1. The beauty -- a desire to see God and to be known.
vss. 18, 19
2. The tragedy -- the prohibition against seeing God's face.

B. The same theme runs throughout the Old Testament.

1. The beauty -- David. **Psalms 27:4, 7-9a**
2. The tragedy -- penalty associated with seeing God's face.

C. The knowledge most Old Testament characters had of God was secondary.

II. GOD BECAME FLESH.

A. 1600 years after Moses another man took up this theme -- with a difference.

B. The witness. **John 1:1-5, 14-18; 1 John 1:1-3a.**

C. This is not John's interpretation, but Jesus himself claimed he had come to show us the father.

John 8:19; 12:44, 45; 14:6; 2 Cor. 4:6

III. THE ILLUSTRATED MAN.

A. Man was made to be like God. **Gen. 1:26, 27**

B. Man perverted the image with the fall.

C. Christ is the perfect man and the perfecter of men.

CONC:

1. "Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?"
2. To save us and also to teach us, but surely to show us.
1. **Matt. 13:16, 17**