Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

I. Introduction

- A. The hymn *He Loved Me So* opens by asking the striking question, "Why did my Savior come to earth?" *Hymns for Worship, Song 166 (v. 1)*
- B. This question brings to mind the pre-existent state of God the Son. As Deity, He has existed from everlasting. He is not a created being. On the contrary, "without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:1-3
- C. Though Deity, "the Word became flesh," temporarily left heaven, and lived on earth as a man. John 1:14; Matthew 1:23
- II. To Do the Father's Will
 - A. Jesus taught that He came down from heaven to do His Father's will. This humble, selfless spirit not only served as motivation for His descension *to* earth, but was also at the heart of His attitude throughout His time *on* earth. John 6:38
- III. To Fulfill the Law
 - A. The centerpiece of the Father's perfect plan of redemption was foreshadowed by the Law of Moses and OT prophets. Jesus came to fulfill the "Old Law." **Matthew 5:17**; **Acts 10:43**
- IV. To Seek and Save the Lost
 - A. The OT prophets pointed toward a Savior who would come as God's solution for man's great problem. This ties in with another stated purpose of Jesus coming to earth: to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10; Matthew 1:21

V. To Bear Witness to the Truth

A. Part of Jesus' role in providing salvation is His bearing witness to the truth. Jesus came to earth to build a heavenly kingdom whose subjects submit to the truth our King has given us. John 18:37; Matthew 10:34-35

VI. To Give His Life...

A. Jesus also had to give His life for the lost to receive salvation. He came to earth to serve, and a specific way He served is by willfully drinking "the bitter cup of sorrow pain and woe." Mark 10:45; *Hymns for Worship, Song 166 (v. 2)*

VII. ... That We May Have Life

A. Jesus was motivated to give *His* life because of His desire to give *us* life. He wants us to have life abundantly, "and live with Him thru endless days." John 10:10; *Hymns for Worship, Song 166 (v. 3)*

VIII. Because He Loves Us So

A. No greater demonstration of love has ever been shown than Jesus giving His life so that we may have *eternal* life. The ultimate motivation for what the Father planned and the Son carried out in descending to this earth is the love the Godhead has for each one of us. **John 10:11**; **15:13**

IX. Conclusion

A. May we thoughtfully consider what the Bible says about our Savior's choice to come to earth, and may we respond with gratitude, humility, and obedience to Him. John 1:14