

## **JESUS HAD A MISSION**

“And the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord’” (Lk. 2:10,11) NASV.

With this happening, God began to fulfill the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, and for the first, time there was hope for salvation through this King of Kings. Ever since man had sinned in the Garden of Eden, God prepared the way for man to come back to Him. To bridge the separation that sin causes (Isa. 59:1,2) God sent Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:52 states that Jesus as a boy kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Jesus as a boy did those things which were right in the eyes of God and His fellow man. He grew not only physically, but mentally, emotionally, and spiritually as well.

All of this was in preparation for the one goal and mission that Jesus had while He was on Earth. This is stated in Lk. 19:10, “For the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost.” The miracles were done by Christ to prove His divinity and Messiahship. His teachings proved His wisdom and authority given Him by God. And His unparalleled love showed God's unfailing mercy and grace to redeem a lost people. Jesus truly had a mission unequalled by those who had gone on before Him; for He was to show the world the Father, and the way in which to serve Him, while providing the atonement for our sins and transgressions.

When we see the tremendous scope of the life of Jesus and realize that we have now been entrusted with His cause (Mt. 28:19,20) let us be sure that our priorities are in order and our lives are virtuous. We now have the mission of Christ, let us labor for the Master, “Be thou faithful, unto death and I will give you a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

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