

Why Did Jesus Come?

Parallel Passages:

- Matthew 20:17-34 and Luke 18:31-43

Pattern:	Prediction	(8:31-32, 9:30-31, 10:32-34)
	Response	(8:32-33, 9:32-34, 10:35-41)
	Lesson	(8:34-38, 9:35-37, 10:42-45)

Prediction

- Isaiah 50:7
- Deuteronomy 31:6

Response

- Matthew 19:28
- Jeremiah 25:15
- Psalm 88:7
- Mark 8:34
- Mark 9:35
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Isaiah 53
- Hebrews 12:2
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23

Lesson

Example

- Isaiah 35

Why Did Jesus ComeFor Personal Study:

Make a list of some of the things that God has done for you. Then list the things that you are asking him for lately in prayer. Spend some time asking him to help you see him bigger and to see where he is already moving ahead of your requests. Do not be ashamed of small requests – these may be areas you are depending on God the most! Get with a friend and share lists. Talk about what God has done for you and how that effects what you ask of him?

Questions for Personal Study:

1. How would you answer someone who asked you, “Why did Jesus have to die?”
2. How is it comforting to know that God has a plan for your life? Does the plan guarantee freedom from suffering? What is the comfort and encouragement in this?
3. How does servanthood go against human nature and the culture around us?
4. In what ways was Jesus an example for us in service, humility, and sacrifice? Can we follow him exactly in these?
5. How do the busyness of our culture and the “tyranny of the urgent” make it hard to stop and help individuals? How do we learn to stop?
6. Why did Jesus ask this blind man what he wanted – wasn’t it obvious? How did the beggar's request demonstrate faith?
7. In what sense are we all blind until Jesus heals us?