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**JESUS’ MAIN REASON FOR COMING :**

**Text: John 18:37**

**Intro:**

* What would be the main reason of Jesus’ coming?
* Mat 15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.“
* Luke 19:10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.“
* 1Jo 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
* John 18:37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say [rightly] that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

**AIM:**

* For us to understand how Jesus reign as a king in us.
* For us to understand His main concern or His main business.

**I. HE WAS BORN BECAUSE HE WAS KING.**

* 1Jo 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love
* The main characteristic of love is giving or sharing.
* So He shared His dominion, His authority, and His government to us.
* Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.“
* Psalm 115:16 The heaven, [even] the heavens, [are] the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.
* We lost our domain when Adam sinned, we lost our athourity and government.
* He wanted to restore His kingdom here on earth through us.
* Remember how the Roman Empire system works:
* Take over a territory
* Leave the people in the land
* Appoint a governor and establish an administration that will turn them in to Romans.
* So basically Jesus took over the earth from Satan, leave us here on earth, make us in charge of it to turn it into a kingdom of heaven.

**II. NO WONDER HIS ONLY MESSAGE WAS, “REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND”**

* We should repent for the right reasons.
* If we repent due to consequences it’s acceptable but there’s still a shortfall.
* Living in sin is living outside His kingdom.
* Kingdom is mainly government or authority.
* Sinning is setting His government or authority aside.

**III. JESUS DID NOT COME TO BRING US TO HEAVEN BUT BRING HEAVEN TO US.**

* Heaven is available through Jesus.
* It is a mistake to assure people of heaven after death as He wanted us to experience heaven here on earth.
* The Kingdom of heaven is at hand, He didn’t say we have to die first to go to heaven.
* Heaven is where the Lord reigns and resides, so if He reigns and lives in you, the kingdom of God is upon you.
* Once the kingdom of God in you impacts people around you, the kingdom of heaven takes place.

**IV. FOR THIS CAUSE HE HAS COME INTO THE WORLD: TO REESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH.**

* When people get saved but His kingdom is not established, there’s a shortfall.
* It’s unfinished business.
* When the kingdom of heaven is established, all the rest follows.
* Healings take place.
* There is harmony and peace.
* People are getting saved.
* Satan will remain a defeated foe.
* Prosperity will be obvious.

**V. JESUS RULES IN OUR MINDS THROUGH THE TRUTH (HIS WORD).**

* Repent means change of mindset.
* Hence, the only power put forth in restraining the wicked,
* in convincing the sinner,
* in converting the heart,
* in guiding and leading his people,
* and in sanctifying them,
* Is that which is produced by applying truth to the mind.
* Men are not forced or compelled to be Christians.
* They are made to see that they are sinners, that God is merciful, that they need a Redeemer, and that the Lord Jesus is fitted to their case,
* and yield themselves then wholly to His reign.
* This is all the power ever used in the kingdom of Christ
* No men in his church have a right to use any other.

**VI. PROOF OF BEING IN THE TRUTH, BEING IN HIS KINGDOM**

* We hear His voice. Not merely hear it but obey it.
* This also implies listening to it.
* John 8:44"You are of [your] father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [resources], for he is a liar and the father of it.
* John 8:47 "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

**CHALLENGE:**

* Are you hearing and obeying His Word?
* Is your life governed by the truth of His Word?
* The kingdom of God might have come upon you, how about the kingdom of heaven?

**CONCLUSION:**

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