

Home Group Notes 1

Genesis 3:1-15 Jesus: Born for what?

Introduction

As we have recently celebrated the birth of Jesus, it is good to ask the question: why was he born into our world? Why was Jesus born? The Bible has a clear answer from the start.

1. If you were to talk to a member of your family or friend, how might they answer the question: Why was Jesus born?
2. If someone asked you the question: 'Why was Jesus born?' What would you say?
3. There are several good answers to the question, but if there was just one answer which prevails from the beginning of the Bible to the end, what would you say it was?
4. **Read vv.1-15**
Sin is something humans do, since the first. From Genesis 3, how might you describe sin?
5. How did the human sinful action affect the relationship between God and humans?
6. How does God declare the right and just desserts to the serpent? Did you realise sin is serious?
7. V.15 is the key verse to answer our question. Are you aware that this is one of the key verses in the Bible?

8. **Read vv.14-15 again**
Is it off-putting that such a crucial verse follows the one where the Lord starts to curse the serpent? What might put someone off? How might this be countered?
9. Why might God put enmity between these two parties?
10. Is this offspring (the one that will crush the serpent's head while being bitten on the heel) male or female?
11. What would happen then to someone bitten on the heel by a nasty snake?
12. Can you see that victory over the evil one and satisfaction for the penalty of sin rightly involves the death of the saviour?
13. Why was Jesus born?
14. **Read Luke 3vv.23-38 OK précis it!** Had you ever wondered why Luke goes all the way back?
15. Do you have a sense that you are born to something?
16. Do you ever have a sense that you are born to something difficult, in order to show Jesus' compassion to fellows in difficulty?
17. Do you know a better way than Jesus to deal with the serious effects of sinful actions?

Prayer Points

Pray for people to seek good answers for why Jesus was born
Pray that we may value his primary calling to die
Pray for the PCC considering the Worship Questionnaires
Pray for Garry Ion (Uganda) as he considers his future plans