



Why did Jesus come?

Driving home a few weeks ago we listened to the dire warnings of the ferocious storm that would hit our shores in a few hours time. No way would I have planned to travel the following morning unless I had considered the journey to be **really necessary!**

One of the lovely carols sung each Christmas about the coming of the Lord Jesus says: *He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable - and His cradle was a stall...* I may wonder... was His 'journey' **really necessary?**

Then reflecting on His terrible suffering, as His earthly life came to a close - when He was rejected, spat on, beaten, despised and nailed to a cross to die in agony, one might ask - was His coming to earth to endure such humiliation and anguish **really necessary?**

It was necessary. God gives the reason. *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* This is the Christmas message. As the angel said to the startled shepherds the night Jesus was born: *"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."*

Jesus came from Heaven to bear the penalty for the sins of everyone who would believe in Him and trust Him to be their Saviour. This is the reason His journey was **really necessary!** He came to save us.

Do join us whenever you can - and especially at our Carol Service on Sunday 15th December!

Happy Christmas!

George Rabey (Pastor)



Five Ash Down Chapel Services

*Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
(3.00pm on 15th & 22nd Dec)*

*Sundays 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group
(Children 3 years and over)*

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

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*You are invited to
join us for our
Carol Service at
Five Ash Down Chapel
on Sunday 15th December
at 3.00 p.m.
Refreshments
will follow*

