

**“Why Jesus Came: For Life”**

**John 10:10**

**December 17, 2023**

**Jesus Came for Life**

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

**Because Jesus Came for Life, Trust in Him**

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:7–11)

**Because Jesus Came for Life, Beware the Imposters**

**Because Jesus Came for Life, Know That He Is for You**

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

“When life is rosy, we may slide by with knowing about Jesus, with imitating him and quoting him and speaking of him. But only in suffering will we know Jesus.” (Joni Eareckson Tada)

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## Discuss

- What is a biblical definition of abundant life? Are you able to give specific examples from your life about how knowing God through faith in Jesus Christ is abundant life?
- What are some unbiblical definitions of abundant life, and what are the consequences when Christians adopt them?
- How can Christians practically beware the imposters (thieves, murderers, and hired hands) without becoming spiritually paranoid?
- What is the “thorn” embedded in your life which most causes you to question whether knowing Jesus is enough, and how does this sermon or the related passages speak to your struggle?

## Read

John 9:1–41; 2 Corinthians 4:1–6; Philippians 3:2–11

## Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will increase your faith and know Jesus more.
- That the Holy Spirit will align your definition of abundant life with his.

## Bulletin

- Women’s Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5:00pm
- All-Church Sunday School: January 7 at 9:30am
- Exploring Membership: January 20 at 8:00am