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Jesus Came To Be Our Substitute
Series: *Why Did Jesus Come?*, #1 (Advent)
Hebrews 2:5-9; Selected Scriptures
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We need a Substitute.

1. Because our sin creates a separation from God which we cannot bridge.
(Isaiah 59:2; Habakkuk 1:13; Romans 3:23, 28; 6:23; Galatians 2:16, 21; 3:10-12; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)
2. As demonstrated throughout the Bible.
(For example, Exodus 11:1 – 12:36; Leviticus 1:1-17; 4:1 – 5:13; 5:14 – 6:7; 16:1-34; Hebrews 10:1-11)

Jesus is our Substitute.

1. The qualifications He has.
(Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 2:1-13; John 1:1, 14; 8:40, 58; 10:30; 17:5; Acts 3:14; Romans 5:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 2:14-17; 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 2:21-22; 1 John 3:5)
2. The cost He paid.
(2:5-9; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 27:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Peter 2:24)
3. The substitution He made.
(2:9, 14-15, 17; 9:25-28; 10:1-14; Matthew 26:27-28; Mark 10:45; Romans 3:21-26; 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 18-21; Galatians 1:4; 3:13; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:9; 3:18; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Why did Jesus come? He came to be our Substitute, to take our place in doing what we can't do—satisfy God's rightful wrath and judgment on our sin so we can have life and peace with Him. Review some of the Bible references on the outline section "We need a Substitute," remembering there was no hope for you without Christ being your substitute. Thank Him that He willingly did that for you.

Tuesday. Jesus was qualified to be our Savior because He came as truly God and truly man, full deity and full humanity. As God He was holy and pure, He had no sin and so was an acceptable substitute for us. As truly man, He was one of us. We can describe some of this but we cannot fully comprehend it. Read the Scripture references listed in the outline as you focus on this today.

Wednesday. Read Hebrews 2:5-9. Now read, and slowly reread Isaiah 53:1-12 which describes some of the cost Jesus paid to be your substitute. How will this impact your thinking and planning during this Christmas season?

Thursday. Jesus, as our Substitute, took the full wrath of God for our sin. God the Father "made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). He "died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit" (1 Peter 3:18). Who needs to hear this good news from you during this season?

Friday–Saturday. Sunday we will look at Jesus coming to be the Author of our salvation. Read Hebrews 2:5-18, noting verse 10 in particular, as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.