

Why Are We Here?

This question has been asked from ancient times
and will continue to be asked.

When someone asks “Why did Jesus come” or “Why was he here,”
we can turn to the scriptures.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but have eternal life.

So why are we here?
To believe in Christ and have eternal life.
God’s grace is available to all.
But John added something else.

John 3:17

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This part is often a favorite of teens.
Jesus did not come to condemn, but to save—to lift us up.

Christ is lifted up for the life of all who look to him in faith.
Peacemakers can share this positive message
with those who are struggling.
When someone asks, “Why are we here?” say,
“To make a difference....Let’s do it together.”

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Week 4: Questions on the Journey

O Y did Jesus come?

Decide which of those two letters, o or y belong in each blank
to be able to read the scripture.

G__d l__ved the w__rld
s__ much that he gave his
__ne and __nl__ S__n
s__ that wh__ever
believes in him ma__ n__t
be l__st but have eternal
life. G__d did n__t send
his S__n t__ judge the
w__rld, but t__ save the
w__rld.

—John 3-16-17 Youth Bible

