

## JESUS CAME FOR SINNERS - 1 Timothy 1:15

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### INTRODUCTION

1. 1 Timothy 1:12-17 - v15 In the midst of pandemic - who is telling us the truth?
2. Paul claims to tell us *a trustworthy statement* - is he telling us the truth?

#### **1st: The Truth About the Person of Jesus - that Christ Jesus came into the world**

1. *Jesus* - the man from Nazareth
2. *Christ* - office of Prophet, Priest & King
3. He *came into the world*. The incarnate Son of God
  - i. *came into* => virgin conception
  - ii. John 16:27-28 Incarnation & Resurrection
4. But *world* denotes a moral quality: this fallen, sinful world.

#### **2nd: The Truth About the Purpose of Jesus - to save sinners**

1. Christ Jesus came - *to save*. Not to judge?
  - i. John 3:16,17
  - ii. Luke 19:10
2. *To save - sinners*. On a rescue mission.
  - i. Does Christ triage? Matthew 9:13
  - ii. v9-10 covers 10 commandments - what kind of sinner are you?
3. You might ask: "Are you sure that Jesus can save me?" He healed lepers and raised the dead - He can save you.

#### **3rd: The Truth of a Personal Testimony - among whom I am foremost of all**

1. Paul's example - v16
2. In early church, Paul was thought to be un-savable: v13-14  
Acts 22:40 - violent & self-righteous (Phil 3).
3. Note: not *I was foremost* - but *I am foremost*
4. Jesus is the only Savior of sinners - Acts 4:12; Isaiah 45:22; John 14:6
5. Not a popular message - but true nonetheless.

#### **4th: Your Personal Response to the Truth - deserving full acceptance**

1. Jesus deserves your full acceptance, trust, personal reliance.
2. The most important issue there is: eternal life or death. Mark 8:36-37
3. What does it mean to *accept* Christ Jesus?
  - i. repent
  - ii. believe
  - iii. resolve to follow Jesus as His disciple