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Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (I Timothy 2:5 & 6)

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. (Hebrews 2:9)

As we read the Bible, we see several names that are used to describe Jesus Christ. Each name reflects an important aspect of Christ's character. Let us take a look at some of these names.

Jesus is the Lamb of God. Jesus took away the sin of the world by sacrificing himself (John 1:29, I Timothy 2:5 & 6). He was perfect and without fault. These qualities allowed Jesus to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Even so, each man and woman must make the choice to accept God through Christ, or reject him. It should be remembered, Jesus seldom forces himself on any man or woman.

Jesus is God with us, or God made man (Matthew 1:23). As a man, God through Jesus Christ was able to truly experience the emotions and feeling that men and women feel. In addition, Jesus

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overcame the temptation of this world because of his link/relationship with God. As a result, all men and woman who accept Christ become sons of God and gain the abilities through the shed blood of Jesus to make it through the temptations that they will face.

In conclusion, we can answer the question, "Why was Jesus Christ born?" Christ was born in order to save men and women from their sins (I John 3:5, Hebrews 2:16 & 17). He has accomplished this through the sacrifice of his life for our sins. Any man or woman has merely to step out on faith and receive God through Jesus Christ.

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Meet Jesus' Sacrifice

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Would Jesus go through all the suffering of the cross
If God's promises were a lie?

Do we truly believe
The entire Bible is the infallible word of God
When we discount its application
To the modern day church?

When Jesus said we could do the works He'd done
And even more,
Did He really mean just some of them?

When authority gets heart service,
But God gets lip service,
Have leaders become our gods?

Jesus respected authority.
But, who did He bow to?

If we don't know how to do the works Jesus did,
Isn't He the best One to learn from?

When we omit consideration of one's heart,

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Have we become a better judge than God?

When all Satan has power to do is to roar,
Why do we let him devour us?

Have we forgotten who is KING?

Have we forgotten whose we are
As children of the KING?

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