

## IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME

Text: John 15:22

INTRO: What should have been the ultimate blessing for first century Jews became the occasion for their complete destruction. What should have been their hope, became their ruin. As Isaiah had foretold, "He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling & a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel... and many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken" (Isaiah 8:14-15).

"If I had not come..." Let us think what the world would be like today if Christ had not come.

### I. THE LAW OF MOSES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED; Its goals & purposes would still be unrealized.

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. (Rom. 10:4). READ GAL 3:19, 23-25.

### II. WE GENTILES WOULD STILL BE ALIENS, WITHOUT GOD AND WITHOUT HOPE. READ EPHESIANS 2:11-19.

### III. NO GOSPEL. THE NEWS WOULD NOT BE GOOD.

Rom. 3:23; 6:23. Bad news & worse news.

A. No power to save, Rom 1:16; MK 16:15-16

B. No gospel to obey, 1 Thess. 1:7-9

### IV. NO NEW TESTAMENT.

A. No prodigal son, no good Samaritan, no rich man & Lazarus.

B. None of the marvelous miracles recorded in MT thru JN.

C. No book of Acts to unfold God's pattern for man's salvation. No letters to Christians. No book of Revelation with its assurance of victory & description of heaven.

### V. THERE WOULD BE NO REMISSION OF SINS.

Heb 9:22; 10:4; MT 26:28; Acts 2:36-38

### VI. THERE WOULD BE NO CHURCH OF CHRIST.

MT 16:18; Psa 127:1; Acts 2:41, 47 READ EPH 5:23-27

VII. THERE WOULD BE NO ASSURANCE OF RESURRECTION.

READ 1 COR. 15:12-28; Rom 6:3-5; Col 2:12

CONCLUSION: Thanks be to God that Christ has come!

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