Understanding the ministry and purpose of Jesus

God as man called himself the Son of Man Came to seek and save the lost Separated from God since Adam fell

Man can never save himself or meet Gods requirements by his own means

Religion, is mans futile attempt to find God by his own means or actions

Hebrews 9:22

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

There had to be a pure sacrifice acceptable to God Hebrews 9:14

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, provide a means to sanctify and purify the flesh,

14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Jesus ministry had a transitional aspect

God had to provide the means of salvation that He alone could provide

We were unable to meet His standards and righteous requirements

A system of rules, regulations and laws did not and could never work

Jesus ministry had a transitional aspect

He came to those who had His law, The Jew first The lost sheep of the household of Israel Those who had the promises

John 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

Romans 3:29

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Jesus ministry had a transitional aspect

At one stage He referred to outsiders as Dogs But a faith response saw Him meet the need.

From The Jew first to whosoever will may come

He sent out disciples 2 x 2 Only go to the household of Israel.

Later: Go into all the world

Jesus ministry had a transitional aspect

After the cross.... "Do not touch me Mary"

Later at a meeting with the disciples.....

"Thomas, Put your finger into my han wounds
And put your hand onto my side"

The intimacy of relationship was restored

Hebrews 9:27

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save and receive those who are eagerly waiting for him.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

In Adam, All Die Our lives formed in sin and encompassed by sin and death

In Christ, All are made alive
We no longer face death with judgement

Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death....

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

Jesus took the judgement we deserved in His own body, paying our penalty while hanging on a wooden cross

We are no longer slaves to sin, independence and separation from God

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

The old system, the law had to be fulfilled by a man. And as man, Jesus was able to fulfil its righteous requirements.

His cry "IT IS FINISHED" sounded out the end of the old and ushered in the freedom of the new

- Romans 8 <u>1</u>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- **2**For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
- 3For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
- 4in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

God's free gift of His own Son's life ...

The only pure blood sacrifice God could accept to atone for the sin of humanity

Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Luke 10

- 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.
- 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Heal the sick.... Get their attention

Say to them..... The Kingdom of God has come to you

Declare the way of salvation

The transition from old to new being fully complete, enables all to come to God, to His throne of grace to find help in time of need,

Not timidly but boldly and confidently. Knowing we are coming at God's invitation and provision

Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus In, By, Through and Because Of. the provision in that name

Access to the Father provided for us by the Father through the free gift of His son Jesus