# "For this reason I WAS SENT..."

WHY JESUS CAME, IN HIS OWN WORDS

### Recasting Jesus

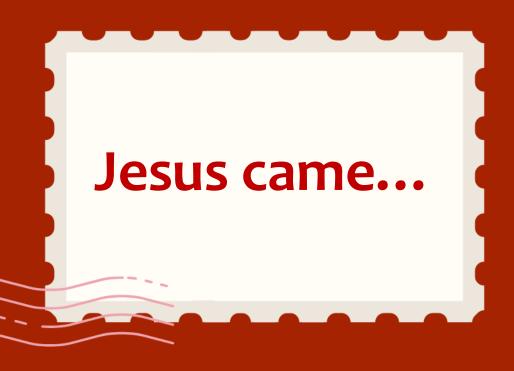


"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!...

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~ Luke 12:49-53





- To bring Judgment
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Jesus came to bring Judgment (Luke 12:49-50)

"I came to cast fire on the earth..."

"For judgment I have come into this world that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

~ John 9:39



"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

(John 3:14-15; cf. Num. 21)



## The image of salvation is also the very symbol of judgment!



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"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ... And a person's enemies will be those of his own household."

~ Matthew 10:34-36



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- Are you willing to count the cost of following Jesus?
- Are you representing the true, biblical Jesus to the world?



#### Embracing OUR "Sent-ness"...

• Will we as a church embrace our role as "family to those who have lost family because of their commitment to Christ?



