

“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!...

Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division...”

~ Luke 12:49-53





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- ❖ **To bring Judgment**
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(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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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?



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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?



