

Jesus came for love and lived in love and died for love that we might live and love forever!



JESUS DIDN'T JUST COME TO EARTH AND LIVE AMONG US; He had to temporarily renounce His citizenship in Heaven to become one of us (Philippians 2:6–7).

He came as a meek and quiet, weak and helpless baby, and conformed Himself to our human ways of life. He was human. He got tired, He got hungry, He got weary. He was subject to all these things, even as we are, that He might better reach us with His Father's love and communicate with us on the lowly level of our own human understanding (Hebrews 4:15).

In the end, He suffered for us at terrific price, because of His love. He was spat upon, cursed, condemned as a criminal, and despised in death. But as He hung on the cross in disgrace and agony, dying for the sins of the very ones who were crucifying Him, He was showing love to the whole world. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus is the friend who loved us enough to lay down His life that we might be saved—and it all started with a tiny babe in a manger!

Out of the ivory palaces,
Into this world of woe,
Only His great eternal love
Made my Savior go.¹