

A Mighty truth for sure.

Why did God send Jesus to be the world's Saviour?

First, it's because we can't rescue ourselves. God's message to humanity is that "all have sinned . . . there is no one righteous, no, not one"! Romans 3.10,23.

So, **second**, how did he rescue us? By taking our punishment - dying in our place on Calvary's cross - "Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3.18.

Third, what prompted his amazing love for sinful humanity? There is only one explanation. God loves us because he wants to! It's certainly not because we deserve it.

Fourth, why hasn't our sinfulness attracted his anger rather than his love?

Though he does get angry about sin, *his mercy is greater than his anger!* "His anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime." Psalm 30.5 (NIV).

Fourth, but why does God want to reconcile to himself a rebellious world?

We don't know. Why do parents yearn for a rebellious child? Love is so powerful - more powerful than hatred or enmity.

Though it is hard to understand, I accept that this is how things are. Do you?

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"God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them." 2 Corinthians 5.19 (Bible for Today).

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