

WHEN GOD CHANGES YOUR PLANS

Jesus Came to Light Up Your Life
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"God is sovereign, God is fearsome—everything in the cosmos fits and works in his plan." Job 25:2 (MSG)

"The clouds churn about his direction. They do whatever he commands throughout the earth." Job 37:12 (NLT)

"His plans endure forever; his purposes last eternally." Psalm 33:11 (GNT)

"When the Lord All-Powerful makes a plan, no one can stop it." Isaiah 14:27 (NCV)

"People can make all kinds of plans, but only the Lord's plan will happen."
Proverbs 19:21 (NCV)

"We make our own decisions, but the Lord alone determines what happens."
Proverbs 16:33 (CEV)

WHEN GOD MESSES UP YOUR PLANS IT MEANS . . .

1. _____
God says, *"I wish my people would listen to me."* Psalm 81:13 (NCV)

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow . . . Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:13-15 (NIV)

"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."
Proverbs 16:25 (NLT)

2. _____

• **GOD'S PLAN IS** _____
"I know what I am plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

• **GOD'S PLAN** _____
"No mere man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord." 1 Corinthians 2:9 (TLB)

• **GOD'S PLAN IS** _____

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful tests you are suffering, as though something unusual were happening to you. Rather be glad that you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may be full of joy when his glory is revealed."
1 Peter 4:12–13 (GNT)

3. _____
Jesus: *"You don't understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later."*
John 13:7 (NCV)

"We know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans." Romans 8:28 (TLB)

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."
Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

"The Lord will work out his plans for my life—for his faithful love, O Lord, endures forever . . . for you made me." Psalm 138:8 (NLT)

"This mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from beginning. God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord."
Ephesians 3:9–11 (NLT)

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11 (NIV)

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"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything . . . Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness—and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:1-5 (TLB)

JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO . . .

L

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." John 12:46 (NLT)

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9-10 (NIV)

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

I

"I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth." John 18:37 (NCV)

"God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan." Ephesians 1:9-11 (NLT)

"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us."
Romans 5:8 (NLT)

"When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father."
Ephesians 3:14 (NLT)

G

"I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path." John 8:12 (TLB)

"The light makes all things easy to see." Ephesians 5:13 (NCV)

H

"I did not come to judge the world, but to save it." John 12:47 (NIV)

"He forgives all my sins. He heals me." Psalm 103:3 (TLB)

T

"I came to give life—life in all its fullness." John 10:10 (ICB)

"The darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in."
1 John 2:8 (TLB)

"When anyone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

"We died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead . . . now we also may live new lives." Romans 6:4 (NLT)

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WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1.

Jesus: *"This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth."*
John 18:37 (NCV)

"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God . . . has made him known." John 1:18 (NIV)

"He is a light to reveal God to the nations." Luke 2:32 (NLT)

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9 (NIV)

2.

"God loved the world: He gave his only Son." John 3:16 (NLT)

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . that he loves us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." 1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

"May you be able to feel and understand . . . how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves."
Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)

3.

"His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us." Ephesians 1:5 (TLB)

"So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God." Romans 5:11 (NLT)

"You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26 (NLT)

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