

Title: But I Have Come...

Text: John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal, to kill, and to destroy; but I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

The enemy's mission is clear:

- **Steal** your peace and joy
- **Kill** the life God intended for you
- **Destroy** your calling and destiny

God's promise: *Jeremiah 1:5; Jeremiah 29:11 – God has a plan for your life.*

Abundant Life: More Than Problem-Free Living

Jesus didn't just come to give life – He came to give **abundant life**:

- A life full of God's presence
- Daily awareness of His guidance, comfort, and power
- Transformation from the inside out

What living full of God's presence looks like:

- **Peace** replaces fear
- **Purpose** becomes clear
- **Love** overflows
- **Strength** is renewed

Biblical foundation:

- **Exodus 33:14–15** – God's presence brings rest
- **Psalm 16:11** – Fullness of joy in God's presence
- **Matthew 28:20** – Jesus promises to be with us always

Living a Spirit-filled life doesn't mean **perfection** – it means **connection**. Peace, purpose, and power flow from daily fellowship with Him.

The Gospel: The good news of Jesus Christ:

- He is God's Son
- He died for our sins
- He rose again
- Through faith, we receive forgiveness, reconciliation, abundant and eternal life

The Gospel Illustrated: Tetelestai – *It Is Finished*

Story of the King and the Princess:

- A thief stole from the king's treasury
- The thief turned out to be the king's daughter
- The king took the punishment upon himself

This is the Gospel: Jesus took the punishment for our sins.

When Jesus cried, "*It is finished,*" He declared three things:

1. Debt fully paid (Business)

- **Colossians 2:14** – *Jesus cancelled our sin debt*
- **Application:** Live free from guilt; salvation is a gift, not earned

2. Sentence fully served (Courtroom)

- **Romans 8:1** – *No condemnation for those in Christ*

- **Application:** Christ bore the penalty for us; we are justified

3. **Battle fully won (Battlefield)**

- **1 Corinthians 15:57** – *Victory through the Lord*
- **Application:** Fight from victory, not for it; daily struggles are skirmishes

Tetelestai – *It is finished*. Your debt is fully paid, your sentence fully served, your battle completely won.

Conclusion & Challenge

Jesus didn't come to make life bearable; He came to make it **abundant**:

- Peace the world cannot take
- Joy circumstances cannot shake
- Purpose that suffering cannot destroy

The thief may come – but Jesus has come:

- To restore
- To give life

- . To declare victory

Challenge:

- . If you haven't fully surrendered to Christ, do so now:

"Jesus, I give You ownership of my life. I receive Your life, forgiveness, and victory. Fill me with Your presence."

- . If you are already a follower of Christ, live intentionally in His presence:
 - Let the Spirit guide your decisions
 - Let Him shape your character
 - Let Him flow through your relationships

Remember: Abundant life isn't a someday promise – it is available **today**.

Will you step into that life now?