

## A CHALLENGE

At the end of this article, I've set a challenge that you may find interesting. It all starts with two great questions about Jesus's reply when asked what his mission here on earth was. In different ways, he said: **“I've come to save sinners”**.

The two great questions are:

1. How important was this reply?
2. What did it all mean?

Jesus was the Son of God and knew that his Father wanted the spiritual souls of all people to live with him in Heaven for all eternity when they died. The major point of it all was that:

### PEOPLE HAD TO EARN THIS.

Jesus came as a human being to show and tell people what they had to do to earn God's desire for their immortal souls. People needed to know not only what God wanted for them but also how to achieve it. The same problem exists in any organisation.

In very simple terms, the problem is to determine their objective. In the case of many businesses, that objective is to make a profit.

To achieve this, they create strategies that must be followed to accomplish their objective, such as:

Setting up departments:

- HR. R&D. Manufacturing.
- IT. Accounts. Sales.

To complete the process, tactics must be employed to accomplish each strategy, so that the objective can be achieved such as:

- Recruit relevant staff for all departments.
- Ensure each employee gets adequate training.
- Use R&D techniques to improve products continually.
- Employ effective sales techniques.
- And others

It's the same with the objective of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We know it was to 'Save Sinners,' but what effective strategies did he and the church he created employ to accomplish this, and what effective tactics do we all practice to complete the necessary strategies?

Let's look at some of the strategies and their tactics used to gain Christ's objective. Some of the more well-known strategies are:

- The mass.
- The sacraments.
- Missionary work.
- Praying.
- Corporal works of mercy.

The tactics used to determine these strategies will vary from country to country and person to person, but let's look at the tactics used in the mass as an example.

The main tactic is using the structure of the mass itself. It starts by allowing people to show true penitence for their sins. The next tactic is the Liturgy of the Word, which shows us how God wants us to live our daily lives according to his will and how his son Jesus and some of the Apostles explained how we can do this effectively.

Another tactic is that part of the mass called The Liturgy of the Eucharist when a priest consecrates bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Immediately following this is another tactic, which is when the priest sacrifices the body and blood of Christ back to God on our behalf. A final tactic in the Liturgy of the Eucharist is for us all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion because Jesus told us to do this in memory of him at the Last Supper.

From all this, we can see what a wonderful strategy the mass has become. The others we've listed also have very effective tactics for helping the church show people how they can ensure their spiritual souls go to heaven when they die.

Always look out for the strategies that Jesus and his church have employed to help us all gain God's great promise and use the tactics developed to make these strategies effectively keep our immortal souls in God's favour.

All this was the mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ: 'To Save Sinners'. Not surprisingly, it's also the mission of his church. My challenge to you is:

**CAN YOU DETERMINE  
ANY OTHER STRATEGIES  
AND ASSOCIATED TACTICS  
THAT THE CHURCH USES  
TO SAVE SINNERS?**