

**Begin The New Year
With Some "SOAP"
Applied to Your Bible Study**

The
SOAP
Bible Study Method

S: *scripture*
As you read, write out the verse(s) that stuck out most to you.

O: *observation*
What truth can you learn? Are there any warnings? Principles? Commands? What is the overall message of the verse?

A: *application*
How does this verse apply to your life today?
How can you live differently in light of this truth?

P: *prayer*
Turn these thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate on and apply this scripture to your life.

"So Why Did He Come?"

Selected Scripture

Critical Concept: Jesus came to restore man's relationship with God the Father that sin had broken, freeing them to experience the joyful blessing of a love relationship that flows out of heartfelt commitment rather than religious duty.

I. So, Why Did He Come?

A. Man on the Street: *"To start a new religion!"*

B. Jesus: *"To restore your broken relationship with my Father!"*

II. So, What Does A Relationship Look Like?

A. Man on the Street: *"A long list of 'do's' and 'don'ts!'"*

B. Jesus: *"A daily walk motivated by love!"*

III. So, Why is the Relational Approach Resisted?

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)