The Seven Wonders
Of Jesus Christ

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For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this (Isaiah 9:6, 7).

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A small Italian town in the Alps is nestled a little church building which is very unusual. Along the walls of the inside of the church building are several statues of Old Testament prophets. Each one faces the same direction. As you follow the gaze of these prophets, you see that they are all looking at and pointing toward a larger statue of Jesus Christ. These statues are simply saying, “All of the Old Testament prophets point to Jesus. All of them strain their eyes toward Calvary.”

The prophet who spoke most of Jesus was Isaiah. He is the one who spoke of His birth when he said that a virgin would conceive and bring forth a child (Isaiah 7:14); he spoke of His death in Isaiah 53. In the ninth chapter of Isaiah, he used one word to describe Jesus: “He shall be called wonderful.”

We probably use the word wonderful to excess. We speak of a wonderful picture, a wonderful song, a wonderful book, a wonderful view.

Yet this word is totally inadequate in describing Christ. We could talk of His wonders for hours only to throw up our hands and say, “The half has not been told.”

I. THE WONDER OF HIS BIRTH

When the fullness of time came, God said, “It is time for My Son to leave the glory of heaven and go down into the world to redeem men from their sin.” But how would He send Him? As an angel? A mighty king? A full-grown man? He chose to send Him as a tiny babe, to grow up in a normal way to manhood, that He might know all of the desires, the trials, and the temptations of a normal man. God chose Mary to be the one who would be His mother. She had to be pure in heart and lovely in life.

Gabriel brought the news. Eventually Joseph and Mary accepted the responsibility and journeyed to Bethlehem’s stable where the baby was born.

Oh, how wonderful was the virgin birth! No other birth has ever been like this birth. God Himself was the Father and Mary was the mother. Up in heaven He rested upon the Father’s bosom without a mother, and in Bethlehem’s stable He rested upon the mother’s bosom without a father.
Some people today do not believe in the virgin birth. But God says He was born of a virgin. The angel Gabriel believed it, Mary and Joseph knew it, and the men who wrote the New Testament affirmed it.

Has there ever been a birth like that of Jesus? No, never! He was wonderful in His birth.

II. THE WONDER OF HIS LIFE

Several truths in the New Testament describe His life. He never committed a single sin. Peter said, “Who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:22). The Hebrew writer said, “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). He was the only perfect man who has ever lived. He never said an evil word; He never did a wrong deed; He never had a sinful thought. We must say with Pilate, “…I find no guilt in Him” (John 18:38).

He performed many marvelous miracles. He made the blind to see and the lame to walk. He cleansed the leper, stilled the storms, and brought the dead back to life. He “went about doing good.” He spoke as never man had spoken.” He told men about a loving God, a daily companion who would help them in life and death. He told them about the way of salvation. He told them about a glorious heaven awaiting the children of God. His discourses were down-to-earth, where men lived. They touched the people at the point of their greatest need.

Yes, Jesus was wonderful in His life.

III. THE WONDER OF HIS DEATH

He died as no other man has ever died. Others have died sacrificial deaths for great causes. But Jesus died to save men and bring them home to heaven.

He did not have to die. He said,

For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father (John 10:17, 18).

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down His life for His friends (John 15:13).

What did He accomplish in His death? He opened up the fountain of cleansing from sin. He made salvation possible for every man. A minister was boarding for a time in a farmhouse. The farmer was not a Christian, but his wife had been praying for his salvation for a long time. The preacher was waiting for just the right time to make plain to him the meaning of Christ’s death on the cross. One morning the farmer asked the preacher to go out with him to the chicken house. There on a nest sat a hen with her brood of chickens peeping out from under her wings. The farmer told the preacher to touch the hen, but when he did so, he found that she was dead. The farmer said, “Look at the wound in her head. A weasel has sucked out all the blood from her body, but she never once moved for fear that the little beast would get her chickens.” Then the preacher said, “Oh, that is just like Christ! He endured all that suffering on the cross. He could have moved and saved His own life, but if He had moved, you and I would have been lost.” The farmer saw the point and soon he became a Christian.

He did it all for you and me. If we had been the only lost persons on earth, He would have died for us. What are you doing for the One who loved you and gave Himself for you?

I gave My life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou mightst ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead.
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What has thou given for Me?

IV. THE WONDER OF HIS RESURRECTION

They slew Jesus and buried Him, but no tomb on earth could hold Him. On the third day, just as He had prophesied, He walked out of that tomb, alive for evermore. At the tombs of Mohammed, Confucius, and Buddha, we read, “Here he lies, our leader.” But when we go to the tomb of Jesus, the words of the angel ring out in our hearts, “He is not here, for He is risen.”

Yes, He was wonderful in His resurrection.

V. THE WONDER OF HIS ASCENSION

In the spring of 1961 a man was lifted into space. All the world stood amazed at this achievement of human science. Since that time many others have followed suit.
After spending forty days on the earth following His resurrection, Jesus led His disciples out to the Mount of Olives. While they looked on in open-mouthed amazement, Jesus went up to heaven in a cloud. He did not have a launching pad, a booster rocket, a space suit, a helmet, or one piece of electronic equipment. He had just one ordinary cloud, but up He went back to heaven, back to the Father, back to the glory that He had before the world began.

In His resurrection Jesus was marked out to be the Son of God in power. In His ascension He was declared as Lord. His resurrection shows His power over death. In His ascension He is shown to have all power in heaven and on earth. Death kneels in subjection to Him in the resurrection; all things are shown to be subject to Him in His ascension.

VI. THE WONDER OF HIS PRESENT WORK

What is Jesus doing in heaven today? He is carrying on the work of intercession; He is praying for us. The Word of God says, “Hence also He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25).

Often someone says, “I am praying for you.” This is wonderful and I appreciate it. But let me tell you something finer. Up in heaven the Lord Jesus has the ear of the Father, and He intercedes for you and me from day to day.

VII. THE WONDER OF HIS RETURN

In the Old Testament days the prophets sang of His first coming. But the years passed and hope grew dim and people forgot the promise. When He came they knew Him not. They were not prepared for Him.

In like manner, the Bible tells us He is coming again. But the years have gone by and many have said, “Where is the sign of His coming?” Since He has not yet come, they have let the promise slide into oblivion. But just as surely as He came the first time, He must come the second time. The prophecies must be fulfilled. They are not vain promises; they are the sure word of an Almighty God.

What will happen when He comes? He will bless the saved. The saved will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Paul wrote, “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). We will be rewarded according to our works. John said, “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds” (Revelation 20:13). When He comes, all the wicked will be judged and cast into hell (Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:13-15). Sinner, come to Jesus so that you can escape the judgment.

CONCLUSION

These are seven wonders of Jesus. It is impossible to count up all the wonders. He is wonderful beyond human description. How wonderful is He to your soul today? How is it with your family? All the wonders of Christ will not avail for you if you do not come and accept His wonderful salvation.

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