

THE CHRISTMAS SERIES *of* 2021

THE WONDER, CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS MESSIAH.

The Gospel According to MATTHEW 1:18 – 2:2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Wonder” – Part 2

The Celebration, Adoration and Wonder of The Advent of The Coming
of The Son of God - Jesus Christ God’s Literal Gift To Man.

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I will take the opportunity again this week to declare that this is not

“THE GREATEST STORY EVERY TOLD”

And this week’s National Geographic “THE STORY OF JESUS”

**That The God of the Bible is not in the business of telling stories,
but He is all about the facts!**

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, “My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,”

Isaiah 53:10a

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;

2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Matthew 1:18-2:2

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: after His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you*

Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
:22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” :24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

Last Time Together We Learned Of...

1.) The Wonder of His word

2.) The Wonder of His power

3.) The Wonder of His grace

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4.) The Wonder of His salvation

The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation Stands Alone
as an unfathomable miracle.

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

Matthew 4:16

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”

But if there is a miracle greater than that – it is that God has promised to grant salvation to both Jew and Gentile alike.

This truth is known by its theological term –
mysterion; a truth hidden, undisclosed, to be revealed, a secret made to be known.

Luke 2:10

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. {NATIONS}

Colossians 1:25-28a

I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we preach!

But WHY Do We Need Jesus' Salvation?

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1 Peter 1:10

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

Psalms 68:4

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH and rejoice before Him.

Isaiah 12:2

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; "For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.' "

Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.

"No man can come to the Father but through me"

Philippians 2:5b-11

Christ Jesus, Who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name, which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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5.) The Wonder of His love

Apart from God, I can't think of a more misunderstood word than "love." People say that they are in love. They might be. I might tell you that "I love you" but I also love spaghetti. I love french fries dipped in a vanilla milkshake. But I also love my wife. – what are we talking about here?

“Love,” if you really want to know if it's real in your life – it must be qualified. Love is qualified through suffering. There can be 1,000 reasons why people get-a-long with each other, but you cannot know true love for sure without suffering through the events of life.

Hebrews 2:17-18 NLT

Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us, His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. 18 Since He Himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested.

Romans 8:28-39

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. :31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword.... :37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing (including me), shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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6.) The Wonder of His sacrifice

Hosea 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets and have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets.”

“Location! Location! Location!” (Church, what am I referring to by saying that? = real state)

Genesis Chapter 22

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” :2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” :3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. :4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. :5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” :6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” :8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. :9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.... :13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The–LORD–Will–Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

2 Chronicles 3:1

Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor.

But why would David pick that spot?

All threshing floors were located on the high ground to maximize the wind.

The grain was beaten, the wheat would separate from the chaff, all of it, wheat and chaff would be thrown up into the air and the wheat would fall to the floor and the chaff would be carried away by the wind. This all happened at the place of the high ground

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Here's Luke's Account

Luke 23:33

And when they had come to the place called Calvary,

Here's Mark's Account

Mark 15:22

And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

Here's John's Account

John 19:17

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him,

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

FROM WEEDS & SCARES TO HIS RETURNING

From Eden to Moriah to Heaven

Genesis 22:13

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket (a twisted grouping of briars or weeds, a barbed-like vine or thorns) by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

John 1:29b

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Romans 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness (*pleroma – a predicted season or time has come*) of the time (*chronos – the very moment in time*) had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. :6 And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

End of Study

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