



## *Wonder Of Wonders*

#3 in Advent Series

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### **The Testimony Of People Who Saw And Heard Jesus.**

1. Some examples. (Matthew 1:18-25; 7:28-29; 8:27; 9:33; 13:54-58; 19:25; 22:22; 27:14, 54; Mark 1:27; 6:51; 15:5, 39; Luke 1:26-38, 42-43; 2:19, 33; 4:32; 9:32; 20:26)

2. What amazed them. (Matthew 8:27; 12:23; 13:54; Mark 2:1-12; 6:2; 9:8, 15; John 7:15)

### **The Facts Of Who Jesus Is And What He Accomplished.**

1. Jesus is Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14; 41:10; Matthew 1:20-23; 28:20; John 1:14; 14:16-20; 17:24; Acts 18:9-10; Romans 8:38-39; Hebrews 13:5; 1 John 5:20; Revelation 21:1-5)

2. Jesus provides salvation. (Romans 6:23; 8:28-30; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:4-6; 2:8-10; 4:30)

## In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday.** Jesus is the *Wonder of Wonders*. Think about some of the most wonderful experiences and people in your life. Thank God for them. Jesus surpasses each of them and all of them combined. Ask God to help you have a fresh sense of awe about who Jesus is in these days before Christmas. Review the examples of people in the gospels who were amazed and astounded by Jesus, even if they rejected Him. Check the outline for some references.

**Tuesday.** The thing the gospel writers most frequently tell us that amazed everyone was Jesus' teaching. Why do you think the Holy Spirit guided them to have that emphasis? If you don't have an ongoing sense of amazement at the truth of Scripture, (1) make sure you are reading and thinking about it regularly; (2) read it with a sense of anticipation of God speaking to you through it; (3) ask God to have the Holy Spirit make it clear and vibrant to you; and, (4) be willing to respond positively to what God shows you in and through Scripture.

**Wednesday.** The first Biblical fact we looked at with respect to Christ being the *Wonder of Wonders* was that Jesus Christ is Immanuel, God with us. He fulfilled the prophecy through Isaiah (cp. Isaiah 7:14 with Matthew 1:20-23). This truth that Jesus is God with us is critical to our faith. As C. S. Lewis wrote, "If you take that away there is nothing specifically Christian left." Why is that so? Review the references about Christ always being with us no matter what our circumstances are and how we feel as well as our being with Him for eternity. As you go through the rest of the day, thank God that Christ is with you and look to Him, rely on Him throughout all the day's moments and circumstances.

**Thursday.** A second Biblical fact which demonstrates Christ is the *Wonder of Wonders* is that He provides salvation. Yes, this truth is so basic we can easily rush by without pausing here. Remember, Jesus came into this world as one of us in that manger to die and be raised for us to provide salvation for us. God planned it before time began, He provided it in time, He gives it as a free gift to all who receive it and He guarantees it forever. Read the references about this on the outline. Christmas Eve is one week from today. Spend some quiet time thanking God for His indescribable gift of Jesus and the salvation He brings.

**Friday/Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to move to our fourth theme for this Advent season — *Light of the World*. Think about how Jesus is the Light and what this means to you and everyone else as you prepare for our time together.