

He Shall be Called

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



A Child is Born

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew. 1:23

***“How does Jesus,
this child in the manger,
fit into my life today?”***



Wonderful Counselor

“Wonderful” = awe-inspiring, miraculous, beyond human understanding.

“Counselor” = wise guide, perfect advisor, trusted advocate

Isaiah declares: Your true identity is found in the One whose name is Wonderful Counselor



Was Jesus “Wonderful”?

As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

Some were amazed

Mark 9:15

Some were frustrated

Some were threatened

But nobody was neutral



The Wonder of Perfection

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.



1 Peter 1:18-21

The Wonder of His Miracles

He healed the sick, made the blind see, the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, and the lame walk

He met needs by feeding thousands from a simple meal showing compassion to those society shunned, touching those nobody else would touch.

His commanded nature by calming storms with a simple word and walking on water as if it were solid ground



The Wonder of His Miracles

He subdued the supernatural

*His power over death as he
Raised the dead*

And ultimately his own resurrection

*Everything about Jesus
points beyond human ability*



Was Jesus a Counselor?

All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.

Jesus demonstrates this through His wisdom, teaching, decisions, and knowledge of the human heart

Isaiah 28:29

Jesus didn't come to affirm our résumés

It's not just who He is it's who we need





*Me and the Wonderful
Counselor*

Life is Painful

***“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”***

Matthew 11:28

We carry burdens

Face crossroads

Deal with brokenness

***The Wonderful Counselor enters
our chaos with clarity***



Our Wisdom Fails

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

Human wisdom is often shortsighted, emotional, and self-centered

We don't have a great track record for discerning right from wrong (Proverbs 6:18***)***

We even have a hard time understanding ourselves



Hearts are Confused & Conflicted

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

We are reactive — We run hot and cold

Jeremiah 17:9

We see, we want we respond

Our hearts tell us take and eat often without full understanding of the consequences

We need a Counselor who sees what we can't, knows what we don't, and loves us more than we understand





How do I respond to Him?

Coming to the Counselor

Listen for His voice (John 10:27)

You can't learn unless you can listen

***Trust His wisdom over your own
(Proverbs 3:5-6)***

With trust there is always the element of the unknown

***Follow where He leads
(John 12:26)***





His Counsel Is Our Hope