

1. God willingly leaves His throne of Glory, a condescension on an unimaginable scale, to dwell on earth.
2. In Isaiah 7, God made a promise so astonishingly hopeful and magnificent that everything would be brought back to order through the virgin birth.
3. Biblical hope can be defined as “guaranteed but not yet fulfilled.” What God promises will happen because the hope is rooted in God, who never fails.
4. When He arrives, the “Child” will be filled with characteristics that are exclusive to God.
5. Isaiah writes during a time of external destruction and internal spiritual corruption from the inside. In the midst of this darkness, God speaks of His promise to bring about the ultimate rescue.
6. Jesus is unquestionably fully God and fully human, meaning there is no struggle, hardship, or difficulty He cannot provide strength. He is our High Priest.
7. Jesus alone rules supreme and all authority rests with Him because He is King of Kings.
8. Jesus is not just a good or wise counselor, but Wonderful Counselor. His counsel brings God’s wisdom to every issue for anyone who belongs to Him.
9. Here, the word “wonderful” is far more powerful than in everyday use. It refers to something that boggles the mind or is utterly beyond comprehension.
10. The wisdom of Jesus applied to our lives is unlike anything else. It is supernaturally insightful.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Shēm (shame') *position*; an *appellation*, as a mark of individuality; by implication *honor, authority, character* :- fame, renown

Qārā' (kaw-raw') *call out to* - call (forth), cry (unto), (make) *proclaim* (-ation), *publish*, renown

Pelé (peh'-leh) a *miracle* :- marvelous thing, wonder (-ful), **beyond comprehension**

Yā'aṣ (yaw-ats') *to advise*; *to resolve* :- advise (well), (give) counsel, guide

QUOTES

The vision was so vivid and so certain that Isaiah described it in the prophetic perfect."

– Dr. Arnold Fructenbaum

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We Sing (Joy to the World)
Good Good Father
O Come All Ye Faithful

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Ezekiel had to confront his people with the real weight of their sin and the consequences that came with it. When you think about your own life, what helps you take sin seriously instead of brushing it off as “not a big deal”?
- Ezekiel's vision in chapter 1 is basically God reminding everyone that He is in total control over every detail. How does keeping God's authority in view change the way you handle chaos in your own life?
- Mark describes rebellion as wanting independence. Where do you notice that pull in yourself, and what usually triggers it?
- Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14 and Ephesians 6 point to the reality that working behind the scenes of some earthly leaders are real “*wicked powers and dark spiritual forces.*” How does recognizing that unseen reality shape the way you interpret what's happening around you?
- Satan accuses, but he can't define who we are. When your identity in Christ feels cloudy or attacked, what truths help you steady yourself and remember who you actually are?
- Ezekiel's message reminded the people that God hadn't abandoned them, even in judgment. Where have you seen God stay faithful to you in seasons when you definitely didn't feel strong or put together?