

AND HE

Will Be Called...

WONDERFUL
Counsellor

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:8-11 NIV

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will be with child and will give birth to
a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 NIV

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 Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Psalm 139:6 NIV

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways”, declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

His wisdom is wonderful...

Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished.

Luke 2:47-48a NIV

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 1:22 NIV

His miracles are wonderful...

“Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.” Luke 7:22 NIV

And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marvelling at all that Jesus did... Luke 9:43 NIV

His works are wonderful...

I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

Psalm 139:14 NIV

As the Wonderful Counsellor...

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8 NIV

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me: even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 16:7-8 NIV

What kind of Counsellor is He?

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

Psalm 111:7

But the wisdom that comes from God is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 3:17

And the most wonderful thing of all...

He came to us, He went to the cross for us, and He sent His Spirit to dwell in us.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

John 14:16-17 NIV

Build My Life

Holy, there is no-one like You,

There is none beside You,

Open up my eyes in wonder

Show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me.

The “increase of his government” will not be by supernatural imposition or by royal fiat. Instead, it will come about through the daily intentional engagement of his subjects, who are so astonished by his wonder that they no longer subscribe to the old order of power and truth that turns out to be, in the long run, only debilitating fraudulence. It requires an uncommon wisdom to interrupt the foolish practice of business as usual.

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