

Reawaken Your Wonder for Jesus

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Transcript

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Jesus said, Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day, and he saw it and was glad.

And they said to him, you're not yet 50 years old, and have you seen Abraham? And Jesus said, truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. Thomas said to Jesus, Lord, we don't know where you're going, how can we know the way? And Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me.

And Philip said, Lord, show us the Father. And Jesus said to him, have I been so long with you, and you don't know me? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. Jesus cried out, whoever sees me, sees him who sent me, because Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

In Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature. By Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, and visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things were created through Jesus and for Jesus.

He upholds the universe by the word of His power. In Him all things hold together. And yet, though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

But He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant and being born in the likeness of men and being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He committed no sin, none, neither was deceit found in His mouth. And so it came to pass, by one man's obedience, the many will be made righteous.

For God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. He bore our sins in His body on the tree.

While we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. And when that time approached, He said, no one takes my life from me. I lay it down of my own accord.

I have authority to lay it down and I have authority to take it up again. So after making purifications for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. God has highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. God has put all things in subjection to Him, all angels and all authorities and all powers.

And now He is the head of the body, the church, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. He has authority to forgive sins. He speaks and the wind and the sea obey Him.

He commands unclean spirits, they come out. He rebukes fevers, they depart. He causes blind to see, deaf to hear, lame to walk, lepers are made clean.

He commands the dead and they live. He suffers little children to come to Him and scatters the proud in the thoughts of their hearts and brings down the mighty from their thrones. He doesn't break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until He brings justice to victory.

In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. No one ever spoke like this man. To know Him is to know the unsearchable riches of Christ and He's coming back again on the clouds even as they saw Him go, but this time with holy angels and with power and great glory and He will deliver us from the wrath to come and He will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself.

In that day, wonder of wonders, He will dress Himself for service and have us recline at table and He will come and serve us and He will still be meek and lowly in heart and yet His eyes will be like a flame of fire, His feet like burnished bronze refined in a furnace, His voice like the roar of many waters and from His mouth will come a sharp two-edged sword and we will see His face like the sun shining in full strength and so we will forever be with the Lord and we will see no longer through a glass darkly but face to face rejoicing in hope will give way to the joy of sight. The pleasures of every taste that bound us to Christ in this world explode into the pleasures of heavenly feasting and we will know finally not in part but perfectly

that in His presence is fullness of joy and in His right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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