



Who Came? - Our Wonderful Counselor, Isaiah 9:6

Have you ever received conflicting advice or information?

- Just watch different news programs
- Is Pluto a planet or not?
- Are coffee and eggs good for you now?
- Just how much water are you supposed to drink at day?
- Are there Aliens among us?
- Is Elvis still alive?

Adam and Eve had this problem as well

- **Genesis 2:15-16 NLT**, 15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”
- **Genesis 3:4-5 NLT**, 4 “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. 5 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

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- I have a feeling Satan told them what they really wanted to hear and do
- They listened to Satan and surprise surprise God was telling the truth

We have been answering the question, “Who Came?”

- We have learned that the child born was God wrapped in human flesh
- The child is our load-bearer
- The child is the light of truth to a lost and rebellious world
- Today, the child is our “Wonderful Counselor”

Scripture

- **Isaiah 9:6 NIV**, “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

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- This is ultimately what we were created for
- **Psalms 19:1 NIV**, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- **Isaiah 40:26 NIV**, “Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

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- **Genesis 6:5-6 NLT**, 5 The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. 6 So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

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- Working with the Nation of Israel, God gave mankind counsel on how to live by providing the Law
- God was saying to mankind, “If you want to bring glory and honor to my name, which will also bring blessing to you, here is how you are to live, think, and hope.”

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- It was always about relationship with God the Father, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and redemption
- But Israel's spiritual leaders made it about lists of dos and don'ts that were impossible to keep
- **Hebrews 1:1-2a NLT**, "Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. 2 And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son."

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- **Hebrews 1:3-4 NLT**, “The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. 4 This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.”

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- If you want to live blessed upon blessed lives, look to the Son
- If you want to know how to live lives that will bring glory and honor to God, look to the Son because He is our Wonderful Counselor

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- In Isaiah the Hebrew word wonderful literally means “incomprehensible”, “mind bogging”, “stunning”, “something extraordinary”, “astounding”
- **Judges 13:17-18 NLT**, 17 Then Manoah asked the angel of the Lord, “What is your name? For when all this comes true, we want to honor you.” 18 “Why do you ask my name?” the angel of the Lord replied. “It is too wonderful for you to understand.”

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- Eastside Baptist Church
- Jesus demonstrated His wonderfulness in various way when He was on earth
 - His conception in the womb of a virgin
 - His power to heal all brokenness

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 - His amazing teaching
 - His perfect sinless life
 - His resurrection from the dead

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- **John 7:40-41a**, 40 When the crowds heard him say this, some of them declared, “Surely this man is the Prophet we’ve been expecting.” 41 Others said, “He is the Messiah.”
- **Matthew 27:54 NIV**, 54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

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- This type of wonderful can never be completely understood or fathomed, but can be imitated
- Jesus is full of wonder and glory and longs to reveal Himself to you so you can walk in His wonder and not our own we think we have
- The calling on our lives is to come to Jesus and learn of Him and from Him

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- **Matthew 11:28-30 NIV**, 28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
- Come to Wonderful, Learn from Wonderful, Find rest for your souls in Wonderful

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- As we witness His life in Scripture, we see the pattern of living God desires for us and leads to blessed lives
 - **John 4:34 NIV**, “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

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- Someone said, “Jesus was a doctor of the soul and body. He knew how to marvelously minister to the needs of our heart. The instructive words of Jesus are both simple and yet majestic. It is simple because it costs nothing. He is near. One does not need to travel far to see this famed 'heart surgeon.' The words are simple. They are explained through a simple illustration.

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- Someone said, “The words are also majestic. They usher us into God's presence. They lead us to find that much needed rest. Pity on those who do not believe in the resurrection of Christ. They have nowhere to go. Pity on those who believe Christ is only man and not God; they have to carry all their burdens on their own. But we have Christ to go to.”

Not only is Jesus wonderful He is our expert counselor

- In ancient Israel the word “counselor” was mostly used for a wise king giving guidance to his people
 - They were expected to judge righteously and fairly, to lead expertly, to be honorable at all times
- **Isaiah 28:29 NIV**, “All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.”
 - **AMP**, “His wisdom great.”

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- **Isaiah 28:29 NIV**, “All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.”
- What other counselor knows all about you before asking a single question?
- What other counselor knows what your really need, rather than what you will tell them?
- What other counselor knows the end of every path you can take?

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- **John 2:23-25 NLT**, “23 Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. 24 But Jesus didn’t trust them, because he knew all about people. 25 No one needed to tell him about human nature, for he knew what was in each person’s heart.”
 - Jesus is able to teach and guide because He is qualified in ways no other human counselor is

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- **Colossians 2:3 NLT**, “In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
 - Jesus always knows what we are going through, and He always knows the right course of action
 - The only question is, “Will you have faith in His Word and direction for your life?”
 - Will you have patience with Him allowing His way to lead you to blessed?

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- **Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT**, “15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

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- Christ's position as our Wonderful Counselor means:
 - We can trust Him to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction
 - **Proverbs 3:6 NLT**, "Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."
 - Hebrew seek means not just find, but to apply to your life the path, decision, direction you are to follow

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- Christ's position as our Wonderful Counselor means:
 - We can be sure He is listening because He told us to pray to Him about our worries
 - **Philippians 4:6-7 NLT**, "6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

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 - **James 1:5-6a NLT**, "5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone."

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- Christ's position as our Wonderful Counselor means:
 - We can be sure He has our best interest at heart because He loves us
 - **1 John 3:1a**, "See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!"

It should not then surprise us when Christ's counsel is contrary to the world's counsel

- Just look at Genesis again
 - God, “You will die if you rebel against my command not to eat of that tree.”
 - Satan, “You will certainly not die plus you will be elevated to a higher position knowing good from evil.”

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- **Romans 8:5-6 NIV**, “5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.”

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- **1 Corinthians 1:24a**, “Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.”
- **Isaiah 11:2-3a NLT**, “2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 He will delight in obeying the Lord.”

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- **1 Corinthians 3:19a NLT**, “19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.”
- The World Is A Puzzle
 - There was a man who had a little boy that he loved very much. Every day after work the man would come home and play with the little boy. He would always spend all of his extra time playing with the little boy.

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- One night, while the man was at work, he realized that he had extra work to do for the evening, and that he wouldn't be able to play with his little boy. But he wanted to be able to give the boy something to keep him busy. So, looking around his office, he saw a magazine with a large map of the world on the cover. He got an idea. He removed the map, and then patiently tore it up into small pieces. Then he put all the pieces in his coat pocket.

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- When he got home, the little boy came running to him and was ready to play. The man explained that he had extra work to do and couldn't play just now, but he led the little boy into the dining room, and taking out all the pieces of the map, he spread them on the table. He explained that it was a map of the world, and that by the time he could put it back together, his extra work would be finished, and they could both play. Surely this would keep the child busy for hours, he thought.

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- About half an hour later the boy came to the man and said, "Okay, it's finished. Can we play now?" The man was surprised, saying, "That's impossible. Let's go see." And sure enough, there was the picture of the world, all put together, every piece in its place.

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- The man said, "That's amazing! How did you do that?" The boy said, "It was simple. On the back of the page was a picture of a man. When I put the man together the whole world fell into place."
- When you put Jesus completely together in your life, your whole world will fall into place



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