



Christmas Presence #2 Astonishing!

“Astonish” - to fill with sudden and overpowering surprise or wonder. To astound, bewilder, blow one’s mind, confound, daze, dumbfound, flabbergast, overwhelm, shock, stagger, startle, stun, stupefy, take aback.”

1. THE ASTONISHING PROMISE

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me...

Luke 24:25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

2. HIS ASTONISHING ENTRANCE

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

3. HIS ASTONISHING WORDS

Matthew 7:28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,

Matthew 13:54 ...and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?”

Mark 1:22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 11:18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching.

4. HIS ASTONISHING MISSION

Romans 5:14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come... ¹⁷For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations....

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Luke 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Luke 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Luke 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Luke 9 |
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