

The Wonder of Christmas

Part 3.

Everything He Touched Was Changed

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God Became Flesh

The One who created the heavens and the earth.

The One who hovered over the face of the deep.

God who is Spirit became Flesh.

Never before had God ever been found in the Flesh until that day.

When Jesus came we saw God face to face

He Came in a Moment

Luke 2:11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

He is born to you (A King) The Fulfillment of 1 Samuel 8

He is a Savior (A High Priest who understands our weakness)

He is Christ the Lord (The Messiah)

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Ezekiel 43 The Glory Returns to the Temple

Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east.

2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east.

His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.

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4 And the glory of the Lord came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. 5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

6 Then I heard *Him* speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. 7 And He said to me, "Son of man, *this is* the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.

1. He is the Glory of the Temple

Luke 4

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

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“The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to *the* poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to *the* captives
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

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To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 6

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price.

The Wonder of Christmas is that God brings his Glory where there was no Glory...

- To preach the gospel to *the* poor / Glory to the Poor
- Heal the brokenhearted / Glory to the Brokenhearted
- Proclaim liberty to *the* captives / Glory to the Captive
- Recovery of sight to *the* blind / Glory to the Spiritually Blind
- *To* set at liberty those who are oppressed / Glory to the Oppressed

John 1

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘**The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.**’

He is the Glory of the Temple..

He is the Glory of the Church in the OT...

He is the Glory of the Church in the NT...

He is the Anointed one on whom the Spirit Rests...

He is the one who Baptizes us with the Holy Spirit...

He is the one who chose to make you and I Temples of the Holy Spirit...

Ezekiel 47 The River from the Temple

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. 2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the **outer gateway that faces east**; and there was water, running out on the right side.

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7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, *were* very many trees on one side and the other. 8 Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. *When it* reaches the sea, *its* waters are healed. 9 And it shall be *that* every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

2. He is the River of Healing

Ezekiel 47:9

9 And it shall be *that* **every living thing** that moves, **wherever the rivers go, will live**. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and **everything will live wherever the river goes**.

Revelation 22:1

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb .

He is the Living Water

John 4:14

14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 7:38

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

3. Everything He Touches is Changed

In John

Ch. 1 He is the One on whom the Holy Spirit Rests

Ch. 2 He is the Wedding Redeemer

Ch. 3 He is the Born Again Experience

Ch. 4 He is the Spring of Water welling up to Eternal Life

Ch. 5 He is the Long awaited Healing for the man at the Pool of Bethesda

Ch. 6 He's the Bread of Life

Ch. 7 He is the Streams of Living Water

Ch. 8 He's the Light of the World

Ch. 9 He is the Healer of the Blind

Ch. 10 He's the Good Shepherd

Ch. 11 He's the Resurrection and the Life

Ch. 12 He is Hosanna - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Ch. 13 He is the Master who washes his servants feet

Ch. 14 He is the Way, the Truth and the Life

Ch. 15 He is the Vine

Ch. 16 He is the Sender of the Holy Spirit

Ch. 17 He is Our Intercessor

Ch. 18 He is “A King of a kingdom that's not of this world”

Ch. 19 He is The Lamb of God, Crucified

Ch. 20 He is the One missing from the Grave

Ch. 21 He is the Surprise Visitor on the Shore of Tiberias

Like the River that Flows from the temple that brings life, everything he touches is Changed...

Zechariah 14

1 A day of the Lord is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls.

4 **On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. **Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.**

6 On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. **7** It will be a unique day—**a day known only to the Lord**—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

9 The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.

Does that sound Familiar?

Ezekiel 47

1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east...

Pics: East Gate of the Temple

Matthew 24

27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

29 “Immediately after the distress of those days

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

30 “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Jesus is the Wonder of Christmas

He is God in the Flesh...

He is our King, Priest and Messiah...

He is the one who Changes Everything He Touches...

He is one that is Coming Again...

There is coming a trumpet Call...

He will appear as lighting coming from the East...

He will will gather his saints from the four winds...

He will cross those graves...

Those Gates will open up...

He will Reign forever more...