

The Wonder Of His Birth

The Wonder Of Christmas

"He who can no longer pause to wonder is as good as dead."
~ Albert Einstein

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." (NLT)

Truth #1

Jesus _____ Your Mess

Philippians 2:6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. (NLT)

He _____

Luke 2:12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." (NLT)

He _____

Hebrews 4:14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. **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. (NLT)

He _____

Mark 3:21 When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said. (NLT)

Truth #2

Jesus _____ The Mess

Colossians 3:12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **13** Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (NLT)

You Are _____

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Romans 5:6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. **7** Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. **8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

Truth #3

Jesus _____ Toward Your Mess

Romans 8:38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NLT)

You Are Not _____

"Jesus wants people just like you and me to get close to Him. Jesus loves people just like you who live in a city, and have a wife or a husband, three kids, two cats, and a washing machine that has stopped working. Jesus loves people who are single, work sixty to seventy hours a week, have parents who wonder why we're not married, and have friends who make much more money than we do. Jesus loves people who are divorced, still trying to heal from the scars of rejection, trying to cope with the single-parenting of children who don't understand why this happened to them. Jesus wants all of us who do not necessarily live life in a monastery, who don't have it all together, and probably never will, to feel welcome in His presence. He welcomes you in the midst of your messy life."

~ Mike Yaconelli "Messy Spirituality"

Matthew 18:12 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? **13** And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! **14** In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish." (NLT)

You Are Not _____



Truth #4

Jesus _____ **Your Mess**

Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (NLT)

Jesus Does _____

Mark 1:40 A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. **41** Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" **42** Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed. (NLT)

Jesus Has _____