

Amazing Jesus

The center of our faith is Jesus. He is the Son of God and the most amazing man in the history of the world. Word became flesh.

Jn. 1:1-3,14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.”

14 “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Brought grace and truth only begotten God, explained the Father.

Jn. 1:17, 18 “For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

I. Amazing Beginning

A. Amazing Events At Birth

Luke 2:13-18 “And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

15 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

17 And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.”

Many amazing things. The virgin birth, other angelic announcements to mother and father, birth of John the Baptist, later, prophetic announcements in the temple, wise men come, and babies slaughtered.

B. Amazing Knowledge & Sense of Purpose

Luke 2:45-47 “And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

46 And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

48 And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.

49 And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s *house*?”

50 And they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.”

Here was a 12 year old boy - not just following along and understanding the conversations of the doctors—and this is comparable to sitting in on seminars of professors at the highest universities of the land—but Jesus was fully participating. And not just that, but stunning the professors and amazing them.

II. Amazing Power

A. Over Storms

Matt. 8:23-27 “And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 And behold, there arose a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep.

25 And they came to *Him*, and awoke Him, saying, “Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!”

26 And He said to them, “Why are you timid, you men of little faith?” Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and it became perfectly calm.

27 And the men marveled, saying, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

B. Over Demons

Matt. 9:33 “And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying, “Nothing like this was ever seen in Israel.”

Matt. 12:22-23 “Then there was brought to Him a demon-possessed man *who was* blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were amazed, and *began* to say, “This *man* cannot be the Son of David, can he?”

They ask the question rhetorically, negatively, because the truth that they recognize is simply too great to even hope to believe.

C. Over Infirmary

Mark 2:11,12 “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.

12 And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

Matt. 15:31 “so that the multitude marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.”

D. Over Death

Mark 5:35-42 “While He was still speaking, they came from the *house* of the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?”

36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid *any longer*, only believe.”

37 And He allowed no one to follow with Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

38 And they came to the house of the synagogue official; and He beheld a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing.

39 And entering in, He said to them, “Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.”

40 And they *began* laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child’s father and mother and His own companions, and entered *the room* where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which translated means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”).

42 And immediately the girl rose and *began* to walk; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.”

Not just astounded, but completely so.

It is almost too much to believe.

But believe it we must. Jesus tells us not to marvel because many will

Jn. 5:28,29 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

29 and shall come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.”

III. Amazing Teaching

A. Amazing Authority

1.) At Capernaum

Mark 1:21,22 “And they went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and *began* to teach.

22 And they were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.”

The scribes taught that rabbi 1, quoting rabbi 2, explaining rabbi 3, said this.

Jesus just boldly proclaimed what was.

2.) At Nazareth

Luke 4:22 “And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Matt. 13:54 “And coming to His home town He *began* teaching them in their synagogue, so that they became astonished, and said, “Where *did* this man *get* this wisdom, and *these* miraculous powers?”

They know that He didn’t get that teaching from sitting with them in that same synagogue.

3.) Sermon on the Mount

Matt. 7:28 “The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching”

B. Amazing Content

1.) Overall

Jn. 5:14,15 “But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to* teach. **15** The Jews therefore were marveling, saying, “How has this man become learned, having never been educated?”

2.) Concerning Riches

Mark 10:20-27 “And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.”

21 And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

22 But at these words his face fell, and he went away grieved, for he was one who owned much property.

23 And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 And they were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?”

27 Looking upon them, Jesus said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”

3.) Concerning Government

Matt. 22:20-22 “And He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”

22 And hearing *this*, they marveled, and leaving Him, they went away.”

IV. Amazing Character

A. Self Control

Matt. 27:11-14 “Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*”

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer.

13 Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?”

14 And He did not answer him with regard to even a *single* charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.”

Isa. 53:7 “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.”

B. Courage

Mark 11:15-18 “And they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves;

16 and He would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple.

17 And He *began* to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and *began* seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for all the multitude was astonished at His teaching.”

V. Amazing Resurrection

Mark 16:1-8 “And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.

5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed.

6 And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.

7 But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you.’“

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

Humility: Proper Product of this Amazement

Luke 5:4-9 “And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

5 And Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your bidding I will let down the nets.”

6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish; and their nets *began* to break;

7 and they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. And they came, and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

Do these thing Humble us?

Do they amaze us?

But He will not depart from us, His love and mercy are equally amazing.

Come to Him - He will save you

Jn. 3:7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’“