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Sermon Title: Wonders of His Love

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Scripture: Psalm 40:5 - Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count.

1. God's wisdom and power are revealed in everything He does, and everything He does contributes to our joy - when it's properly understood.
2. Science and Scripture are not natural enemies! Science is one of God's good gifts.
3. Used properly science affirms Scripture and encourages faith by shedding additional light on God's genius.
4. When united with faith the understanding gained by science increases the wonder of Jesus' birth without decreasing the miracle.
5. God created Eve out of Adam in order to make Jesus' mission possible. (Genesis 2:21-23; Acts 17:26; 1 Corinthians 15:22)
6. The cross was planned before humanity's crisis and it influenced humanity's creation. (Revelation 13:8; 1 Peter 1:18-20)
7. For Jesus to be our substitute there could only be one race of humanity.
8. The Messiah had to be free from the curse of death.
9. Physical death is not an inevitable consequence of being alive. (Hebrews 9:27)
10. Jesus is the Second Adam. He came to reverse the curse the first Adam brought upon us. (1 Corinthians 15:22)
11. God prepared an uncorrupted body for Jesus. (Hebrews 7:16; 10:5)
12. The incarnation was the culmination of God's incredible love expressed in His incredible genius!

Growth Group Questions

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WARM-UP

1. Sing the 1st verse of your favorite Christmas carol. 😊
2. Share your Christmas day plans with the group.



DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. What did you learn today about the necessity of the virgin birth that you didn't know before?
3. One of the ways God speaks to humanity is through the incarnation of Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2). What has God been saying to you recently?
4. If God would answer one prayer for you this Christmas season, what would it be?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any related insights into today's message.

- Genesis 2:21-23; 1 Corinthians 11:8, 15:22
- Revelation 13:8; 1 Peter 1:18-20
- Hebrews 9:27, 10:5, 9:14
- Isaiah 7:14

PRACTICE

- What are some things you can do differently to help recapture the "wonder" and "awe" of the incarnation as you celebrate Christmas this year?
- Carefully read all of Psalm 40 and list all the attributes and character traits you see that apply to God. How many did you find? Spend some time in prayer praising Him from your list.