

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
Part 1: WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR
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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

A. WONDERFUL: something that causes astonishment; awe inspiring; marvelous; stunning; supernatural.

● Jesus was WONDERFUL in His ...

1. _____

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 1:18 (NIV)

2. _____

"Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel."
Matthew 15:30-31 (NIV)

3. _____

"... when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit ... The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life ... When the centurion and those with Him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!"
Matthew 27:50-54 (NIV)

4. _____

"... at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen ..."
Matthew 28:1-6 (NIV)

B. COUNSELLOR: one who gives wise, prudent advice and guidance.

"After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers."
Luke 2:46-47 (NIV)

"Coming to His hometown, He began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son?"
Matthew 13:54-55 (NIV)

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God..."
John 3:1-2a (NIV)

"Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring Him in?" "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared."
John 7:45-46 (NIV)

"At this point many of His disciples turned away and deserted Him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life."
John 6:66-68 (NIV)

"If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:31-32 (NIV)

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."
John 6:63 (NIV)

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."
Matthew 24:35 (NIV)

- **WHO OR WHAT IS _____ ?**