

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return to earth in power and glory.

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:1-4).

The Deity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

In 1981, I had the privilege of serving on the executive committee of the Gulf Coast Billy Graham Crusade and I was given a wonderful little book called "The Billy Graham Worker's Handbook." In it, Dr. Graham writes: "Jesus has been acclaimed as the greatest religious leader who ever lived, as being the most influential person to have lived on our planet, and as being unique to the degree that no one can be compared to Him. But considering Jesus Christ merely on the basis of a faultless life and His superior moral teaching will not remove the stumbling blocks to Christianity raised by an unbelieving world. The real test of what one thinks of Him must revolve around whom He claimed to be and what He accomplished during His brief mission to our planet. Our conclusion must be that there is not Christianity without Christ; all centers in Him." And I could not agree more! Jesus was more than just a prophet, more than just a leader of social justice, and more than just an extraordinary teacher. Jesus was, is, and will always be God!

Jesus is revealed as God, recognized as God, and is received as God. John 1:1 says, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* Genesis 1:26 says, *"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.'" And when Jesus prays His high priestly prayer in the Garden prior to His crucifixion, He says these words in John 17:5, "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."* And 1 John 5:7 makes it about as clear as clear can be, by saying, *"For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."* So the Bible "reveals" Him as God; but some have also "recognized" Him as God throughout history.

For example, John the Baptist, when He sees Christ, says of Him in John 1:29-30, *"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And then you may remember the one commonly referred to as "Doubting Thomas." Thomas heard reports of the resurrection of Christ but it was more than his intellect could comprehend. So he said, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger in the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). Eight days later as the disciples were gathered together, guess who stood in the midst? Jesus! And he said, "Come here, Thomas, put your finger here..." And verse 28 of John 20 says that Thomas cried out, "My Lord and my God!" Heaven reveals Him as God; history recognizes Him as God; and the only way to receive Him is to receive Him as God. John 1:12 tells us that *"as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."* It's not enough just to believe that He's God; you must also receive Him in your heart as God. In other words, your heart must respond to what your head has accepted by faith. "Jesus, I believe You are God, so I open the door of my heart and ask You to enter in." And you will never do that until you come to the place that you believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

In A.D. 381, St. Gregory wrote: "He began His ministry by being hungry, yet He is the Bread of Life. Jesus ended His earthly ministry being thirsty, yet He is the Living Water. Jesus was weary, yet He is our rest. Jesus paid tribute, yet He is our King. Jesus was accused of having a demon, yet He cast out demons. Jesus wept, yet He wipes away our tears. Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet He redeemed the world. Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, yet He is the Good Shepherd. And Jesus died, yet by His death He destroyed the power of death." And if all of that is true (and it is) then He must be God!

His Virgin Birth

If you have ever struggled with the concept of the Virgin Birth, please know that you are not alone. Do you know who else struggled with that very thought? Her name was Mary. Luke 1 tells the story. An angel comes to Mary, this young virgin, and says to her, *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus."* And Mary responds, *"How can this be, since I do not know a man?"* And the angel answers her by saying, *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be will be called the Son of God...For with God nothing will be impossible."* And once Mary hears that, she says, *"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."* Intellectually, Mary may have never understood how this was going to happen. All she knew was that God said it was going to happen and she essentially said, "Your word is good enough for me. Let it happen." I believe in the virgin birth of Christ not because it makes sense to me, but because the Bible says Christ was born of a virgin and because I know that with God nothing is impossible.

Some may wonder why a "virgin birth" was even necessary. It was, because after Satan, in the form of a serpent, deceived Adam and Eve and caused man to fall into sin, the Lord God told the serpent, *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel"* (Genesis 3:15). That tells us that God would send One to overcome

the adversary, and that One would come into this world in the body of a woman—without the aid of a human male. Additionally, we know that sin became part and parcel of the human race from that day forward (Romans 5:12). That's why all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). And because of our sin dilemma, God came up with a plan to send a Savior; a vicarious, sacrificial Lamb to pay a price that we were incapable of paying. But this Lamb would not inherit the sinful nature of humanity, even though he would inherit a physical body and a human nature; and the only way this could happen was if this Savior were to come through the body of a virgin. That's why the prophet Isaiah would declare, *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel"* (Isaiah 7:14).

I don't know that I completely understand all there is to understand about the virgin birth, but instead of wrestling with it intellectually, I choose to respond like Mary did. "How can this be? Oh, the Holy Spirit will do it! Okay then, Your word is sufficient for me."

His Sinless Life

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* 1 John 3:5 says, *"And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin."* And 1 Peter 2:21 says, *"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth."* The Bible makes it very clear that Jesus Christ came to earth in the form of human flesh, grew up in the house of a carpenter, and experienced many of the same things which you and I experience in life—yet He never sinned. Not once, not twice—never!

Have you ever been tempted? I'm sure I don't have to wait for your response. All of us have, but I submit to you that I've probably been tempted in some ways that you never have and that you've probably been tempted in some ways that I never have. I seriously doubt that any of us have faced "every possible temptation" there is in life. But guess what? Jesus did. And that's why He can sympathize with us when we go through the "stuff" life brings our way. The writer to the Hebrews said it this way, *"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin"* (Hebrews 4:15).

I don't know a lot about Buddha. He may have been a good man. But this much I know—he was a sinner. Mohammed may have said and done some good things during his pilgrimage on planet earth—but he was still a sinner. The same can be said of every religious leader since the beginning of time, except for one. The thing that makes Jesus different from other religious leaders in history is the fact that He was absolutely and completely sinless, and that qualifies Him as the only One who can be not only be Savior, but also as the only One who can truly show us the way to a Holy God!

His Miracles

You have a choice when you read the Gospels; either you have to believe in the miracles that you find therein or you have to throw your Bible out the window and consider it rubbish. I just can't imagine how there would be any gray area in-between those two positions. Larry Richards's, in his book "Every Miracle of the Bible" goes through the process of listing the various miracles of Jesus in historical order. He begins at John 2, with the first miracle of Jesus when He turned water into wine at a wedding feast in the city of Cana. He concludes his list at John 21 when Jesus, now resurrected from the grave, stands on the shore and watches the disciples fish. Better said, "Attempting to fish," because they had been fishing all night but didn't get as much as a nibble. That's when Jesus said, *"Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some"* (John 21:6). And sure enough, when they did they caught so many that it was impossible to get them all in the boat. And in-between these two miracles, Mr. Richards listed 33 other miracles by chapter and verse. So what we have are 35 specific miracles performed by Jesus during a period of some 3-1/2 years, but that's only the tip of the iceberg because John 20:30 says, *"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book."*

Why did Jesus perform the miracles that He did? The next verse, verse 31 of John 20 tells us specifically why. It says, *"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."* Jesus didn't go about performing miracles just to show that He could. He performed miracles because He cared about hurting humanity, He performed miracles so that His Father in heaven would be glorified, and He performed miracles so that men and women would be drawn to the Father and be saved eternally. I happen to believe that Jesus is still committed to those three things. I believe He still cares for hurting humanity, He still desires to glorify His Father, and that He still longs for men and women to be saved. And because I believe that, I believe in His miracles then and I believe in His miracles now.

His Vicarious And Atoning Death Through His Shed Blood

One of my favorite books in the Bible is the book called Philippians and one of my favorite passages in this great book is found in chapter 2, verses 5-8, where the Apostle Paul writes, *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal to God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."* So often we talk about people "climbing the ladder of success." For the past two decades one of the big catch phrases has been "Upward Mobility." Jesus did just the opposite. Jesus came "down the ladder", not up. His pilgrimage could only be called "downward mobility."

The "Creator" takes on the appearance and likeness of the "creature" becoming fully man. So much so, that, as we've already established, He comes in the form of a fetus. He's born to Jewish parents in a stable and lives in a blue-collar town. Imagine with me if you will, Jesus, the omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent Second Person of the Trinity, fully God—now with skin on. He feels what we feel. He has to use doors! He has to brush His teeth. He has to ride on animals and eat and sleep. Consider the God of the universe having to say,

"Yes mother, I'll clean My room." Prior to this, He heard an angelic choir singing endlessly, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, heaven and earth are full of His glory" and now He's rubbing shoulders with the men that He created and they are saying, "Get out of my way! Who do you think you are?" But not only does Jesus become a man, both tried and tested, verse 7 of Philippians 2 says he also willing becomes a bondservant, literally a slave. Instead of being served, He serves; and He serves obstinate, arrogant, sinful people who, like us, often refuse to even acknowledge Him.

If that weren't enough, He continues His descent down the ladder of success until He finally comes to a place called Golgotha, the Place of the Skull. And there, He, the One who created all life, stands face to face with death and actually submits. He says, "This time you win." The guy in the white hat refuses to draw His gun. At that point I can almost hear the angels saying, "That's enough! Jesus, that's far enough. No more! No more!" But there's one more rung to descend, and verse 8 says that He becomes obedient not only to death, but to death on a cross. The God and Creator of the universe leaves behind the glory of heaven, takes on the appearance of man, becomes a bondservant and acquiesces to death, but not just any kind of death. He submits to the most horrible of all deaths, the most painful, and the most demoralizing. They strip Him, scourge Him almost to the point of death, and place a scarlet robe on Him. They twist a crown made of thorns and jam it into His brow. They spit on Him, mock Him, slap Him, and then they rip the robe off His back only to reopen the wounds all over again. They place an incredibly heavy wooden cross on His back and make Him walk up a dusty road until He collapses under its weight. Finally, they reach Golgotha and make Jesus lie down on the cross, and with a fervent zeal they drive spikes in both His hands and His feet. Jesus would cry out. Mary would cover her ears. And the congregation would laugh and say, "You saved others, save Yourself!" They would then raise Jesus on the cross and point Him toward the sun, and for six hours He would suffer an excruciating death until He would finally take His last breath saying, "*It is finished!*"

The Jewish leaders thought that was the end of this saga and the Romans thought they had accounted for everything. But the one thing both groups overlooked was His blood. They never understood what was represented in that blood that flowed down Calvary's hill. It represented redemption. It represented healing. It represented hope. It represented atonement.

His Bodily Resurrection

Angels stay incredibly busy. They stay busy protecting us, fighting for us, interceding for us, as well as making those very special announcements for God the Father. And in Mark 16, we find possibly the most significant angelic proclamation ever told. It says, "*Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, 'Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?' But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.'* So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:1-8).

At first we might be prone to wonder why they were so afraid when this was such good news, but consider what they had just been through. They were coming to the tomb to anoint the man that had promised life to everyone that would come to Him, and now He was dead. And if that weren't befuddling enough, they get to the tomb and the stone has been rolled away. What had happened? Did someone steal the body of Jesus? Was it the Romans, the members of the Sanhedrin or what if it was just grave robbers? And while all of this is running through their thoughts, a young man begins to speak. And it becomes very obvious, very quick, that this is not just any young man—this is an angel sent from God. And He has a message for these women, a message for the disciples, a message for the entire world and a message for the ages to come.

First, he brings a message of peace. In verse 6 he says, "*Do not be alarmed.*" Were these women frightened? Sure; and for good reason. Are we ever frightened? Sure; and for good reason. How many times have you laid in bed at night wandering when your son or daughter was going to come home, with your stomach knotting up more with every minute that passes by? How many times have you sat in a hospital emergency room scared to death waiting for the report from a doctor? We are living in a fallen world that can be very frightening at times!

But God had a message then and He has a message for us today, "Do not be alarmed." Matter of fact, the Bible clearly says in 2 Timothy 1:7 that "*God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*" In the troubled world in which all of us live, Christ died and overcame death in order to bring us peace. That's why Jesus would tell us in John 14:27, "*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" So the first thing the angel proclaimed was a message of peace. But that's just the beginning.

Secondly, the "Easter Angel" brings a message of power. He says, "*You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!*" Robert Lowry said it well: "Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a Victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign, He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

Was Jesus the first man to rise from the dead? The answer may surprise you. It's "no." Luke 7 tells the story about the only son of a widow who lived in a city called Nain. When Jesus walked into the village one day a funeral procession was taking place. And Jesus was so touched by the sorrow of the widow that He walked over to the open coffin and said to the young man, "*Arise!*" And verse 15 of that chapter says, "*So he who was dead sat up and began to speak.*" And what about the story in Mark 5 about a man named Jarius. He's one of the rulers in the synagogue and He hears about this man called Jesus, so he presses through the crowd, falls at Jesus' feet and begs Jesus,

"Please come to my home and place Your hands on my daughter. She's sick; even to the point of death." But before they make it to his home, she dies. But Jesus goes to the house anyway, walks in, takes the child by her hand and guess what He says? *"Arise!"* And verse 42 says, *"Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement."* And what about a man named Lazarus? John 11 tells the story of Jesus' friend who not only dies, they've already had the funeral. He's already in the tomb! And He's been in there for four days! But that doesn't stop Jesus. He goes to the tomb and shouts, *"Lazarus, (arise) come forth!"* And verse 44 says, *"And he who had died came out..."*

Jesus wasn't the first to rise from the dead—but He was the first to conquer death. See, in the case of the widow's son, Jarius' daughter and Lazarus, all three were "resuscitated." Jesus was "resurrected." They overcame death only to die once again. Jesus overcame death, never to die again! That's the power of the resurrection! And one day soon Jesus is going to break through the eastern sky and guess what He is going to say? He is going to look at every born-again believer and He is going to say the very same thing He said to the widow's son and the daughter of Jarius and to Lazarus—"Arise O Church, come forth!" But this won't be a "resuscitation," it will be a "resurrection." In that moment, we, the Church of Jesus Christ, will arise and conquer hell, death, and grave forevermore! That's the power of His resurrection!

I'm always amazed at people and their capabilities. Hardly a day goes by that I don't say something like this, "How did he do that? How was this person or that person bright enough to not only invent this or that, but conceive it in his or her mind?" Consider what they are able to do in the medical arena today and it's staggering, isn't it? Man has the power to do marvelous and incredible things, but there is one thing no man can do. He can't change his heart. He can't change his soul. Why? He doesn't have the power to do so.

A few years after one of the men in our church, Joe Poindexter, was saved, I was speaking to a men's group down in south Houston at an ecumenical men's retreat and I told the story about how Joe had recently come to our church and all about the transformation that God had done in his heart. When the meeting was over, a man came up to me and said, "Sir, I must ask you. You talked about a man by the name of Joe Poindexter who was saved in your church and is serving God. I used to know a Joe Poindexter, but I KNOW it can't be the same Joe Poindexter I used to know. There must be two men in Houston with the same name."

Then he asked me, "Is this Joe Poindexter about 6'2", medium build, with gray hair?" I said, "Yes." His eyes got bigger and he said, "Does this Joe Poindexter have a very deep voice?" I said, "He sounds like Tennessee Ernie Ford." The man looked like he's about to faint, but said, "Was this Joe Poindexter the former mayor of the City of Bellaire?" I said, "Same man!" He shouted, "That's impossible! Even God can't save Joe Poindexter!" And I said, "My brother, God not only saved him; he's a deacon in our church, sings in the choir and teaches Sunday School!" And this very distinguished gentleman sat down in his chair, started crying like a baby, and began to say, "Thank you God! Nothing is impossible with You." 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* That's the power of the resurrection!

Thirdly, the angel brings a message about potential. When the angel told the woman at the tomb, *"He is not here,"* it was essentially a message that spoke hope into their situation. Keep in mind that these women and the rest of Jesus' followers thought that He was going to lead them in a great rebellion against the Roman Empire and reestablish Jerusalem back to the glory days of King David and Solomon. All their hopes were tied to Him. But when they saw Him nailed to a Roman Cross, their hopes were crushed! Now, nothing seemed possible! But the angel's message was just the opposite. He was saying, "Anything is possible with God. He's not here, because death, hell and the grave could not hold Him. And if death can't stop the Son of God, nothing can!" And the Bible says that we are not only heirs of God, we are joint heirs with Jesus. That means that if there is nothing that can stop the purposes of the Son from being accomplished, there is nothing that can stop God's purposes in us from being accomplished when we put our trust in Him. The hymn writer said it well when he said, "Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God; nothing is impossible when you're trusting in His Word. Harken to the voice of God to thee: 'Is there anything too hard for Me?' Then put your trust in God alone and rest upon His Word; for everything, Oh everything, yes, everything is possible with God." I like what Robert Schuller said, "Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count the apples in one seed." Who knows what God will do with a single seed you might sow? It might be the very seed that brings to Christ the next D.L. Moody or next Billy Graham. Never discount what God wants to do in you and through you!

In 1925, George Bernard Shaw won the Nobel Prize for literature. Everyone thought his life was a great success, but he knew better. Before his death, a reporter asked him, "Mr. Shaw, if you could live your life over again and be any person in history, who would you be?" And Shaw replied, "I would be the man George Bernard Shaw could have been, but never was." Shaw knew, in spite of his accomplishments, he lived far below his potential. "For all sad words of tongue and pen," John Greenleaf Whittier writes, "The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" That never has to be the epitaph for a Christian, and here's why—He is risen! It's a message all about the incredible potential that is found in every person that chooses to follow the One that was resurrected.

You may not see the resurrection possibilities that Christ has for you, but maybe that's because you haven't invited Him in. He's waiting for the invitation to share with you resurrection possibilities that He provides; possibilities for overcoming hopeless situations, possibilities for the arrival of new goals or possibilities that you have yet to imagine. Jesus' resurrection holds more than a promise of life beyond death; it also holds the promise that whatever has quenched hope, ruined relationships, or broken your spirit can be changed because of the resurrection.

His Ascension To The Right Hand Of The Father And His Personal Return To Earth In Power And Glory

The message of the angel didn't end at the power of the resurrection; he also brings a message about a promise. In verse 7, the angel says, *"...you will see Him."* Jesus' final command to His disciples is told in the first chapter of Acts. They are assembled together and He tells them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there because something is about to happen that will not only change their lives forever,

but change the world forever. In verse 8, He says, *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* And then verse 9 says, *"Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"*

How will this happen? The Apostle Paul explains it this way in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 by saying, *"But I do not want you to be ignorant brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."*

The first time Jesus came as a lamb being led to the slaughter; the second time He will come as the Lion of Judah. The first time He came as the Son of man incarnate; the second time He will come as the Son of God triumphant! The first time He came as the suffering servant; the second time He will come as the ruling Lord. The first time He came bowed beneath the weight of the cross; the second time He comes every knee shall bow down and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord. The first time He came they put a crown of thorns on His head; the second time He comes He will be forever crowned the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! Beloved, He is coming again—but it won't be like the first time! This time He will come as the Savior of our soul, the supervisor of the Church, and the Sovereign of the universe. The King of all Glory will come!

"Let me tell you about my King" the poet wrote. "He's enduring strong, He's entirely sincere, and He's eternally steadfast. He's God's Son, a sinner's Savior, and the centerpiece of civilization. He's unparalleled, unprecedented, and supreme. He's the loftiest idea in literature, the highest idea in philosophy, and the fundamental truth of theology. He's the miracle of the age, and the only One able to supply all our needs simultaneously. He supplies strength for the weak, He's available for the tempted and tried, and He sympathizes and saves. He guards and guides. He heals the sick, cleans the lepers, forgives sinners, discharges debtors, delivers captives, defends the feeble, blesses the young, serves the unfortunate, regards the aged, and rewards the diligent. He's the well-spring of wisdom. He's the doorway of deliverance, the pathway of peace, the roadway of righteousness, the highway of holiness, and the gateway of glory. He's the master of the mighty, the captain of the conquerors, the head of heroes, the leader of legislators, the overseer of overcomers, the governor of the governors, the prince of princes, and He's the King of kings and the Lord of lords. His life is matchless, His goodness is limitless, and His mercy is everlasting. His love never changes, His grace is sufficient, and His reign is righteous. I wish I could describe Him to you, but He's indescribable, incomprehensible, invincible, and irresistible. The heavens cannot contain Him, let alone a man explain Him. He has always been and He always will be. He had no predecessor and He has no successor. There was nobody before Him and there will be nobody after Him. You can't impeach Him, and He's not going to resign. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they couldn't stop Him. Herod couldn't kill Him, death couldn't handle Him, and the grave couldn't hold Him. And that's my King!"