12-22-19 - **“Jesus, Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child”**

*"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”* Luke 2:10-12

For many Christmas Day is one of universal joy; for Jesus Christ’s sake, who as on this day was born, there is a loving sadness. His birth overshadowed His life. His very coming into the world was a heavy prophecy of sorrow, but in the midst of it all, there is no doubt that, “Jesus, Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child” **He was………………………**

**BORN A HELPLESS UNKNOWING BABE**. Unable to do anything; He was mocked in the hour of His Passion; as being weak and foolish; as one unable to reply to Herod and to Pilate. The burden of our nature was laid upon Him all through His earthly life, which was one long course of sacrifice for others. The weak and suffering are often the workers of the world.

**BORN WITHOUT A DWELLING.** “No room for Him in the inn”; whilst living, no home for Him in Jerusalem or elsewhere. In death He had no tomb or sepulcher of His own. Quite possible to do a mighty work for the world, and yet have no lot or portion in it.

**BORN IN DARKNESS**. Just after midnight; died in darkness “over the whole land,” just after midday. The Light of the world came into it at dark, to make it bright with His presence, which presence being taken away, left it dark again. Type of a soul once enlightened, fallen away into the darkness of sin.

**BORN ON A HARD COUCH**. Born in a stable, laid in a manger, He died extended and reposing upon the bitter couch of the cross. A birth, life, and death in hardship. This world a school of discipline to holy souls.

**BORN BETWEEN TWO ANIMALS**. The ox and the ass were with Him at His birth. He was compelled to breathe out His soul between two thieves, and during His life He received sinners. Every life repeats itself. Marvelous concord between Jesus Christ the Child and Jesus Christ the Man, the manger and the cross, the beginning and the end. **“Jesus, Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child”**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**