

1-7-2026 – 6 Reasons Series

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6 reasons to know Jesus as more than a Baby.

Isaiah 9:6 – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

1. The **Gov’t** will be on His shoulders.

- a. He came as a baby, but **Gov’t of the Universe will be placed on Him.**
- b. He will rule as King of Kings, Lord of Lords in the **millennial kingdom.**
He will **reign with justice.** (**Rev. 19**)
- c. He will wage war & defeat the Enemy. He will **defend His people!**
- d. He will **avenge injustice** & wrong. That’s what Jesus **will be**, no baby!

2. He is our **Wonderful Counselor.**

- a. The life of Jesus gives us wise counsel in how to live/ how to respond.
 - i. His counsel is – Turn the Other Cheek. Go an extra mile.
 - ii. His teaching is – Love those who persecute you. Love enemies.
 - iii. His advice is – Don’t make a show of religion, make it a lifestyle.
 - iv. His message is – Don’t worry about tomorrow, trust in God.
 - v. His instruction is – forgive others, so God will forgive you.
- b. Our Counselor showed us how to live. **We don’t see it in a Baby.**

3. He is a **Mighty God.**

- a. Jesus **did the impossible.** Rose again. No grave could hold Him.
- b. He healed the blind ... the lame ... the leper. He raised the dead, 3x
Jesus said, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”*

- c. He can do the impossible in your life. He **can resurrect** what has **died** inside you. But **You have to believe not in a baby, but a Savior.**
- d. He can change your life! Turn your **situation around**. Jesus, thru God's power, can **turn your mourning into dancing**.

4. He is an Everlasting Father.

- a. You **can't know** Jesus as an Everlasting Father if He's in a manger.
 - i. **You can't know Him fully if all He is to you is a baby.**
 - ii. We can't truly know Him w/o guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said: "*blessed are you **Simon Peter**, for flesh and blood did not reveal*" to you that I am the Christ, the Son of God.
- b. **Jesus is Everlasting.** He was w/ God in beginning, will be at the end.
 - i. Jesus always **was & always will be**. He is "Alpha & the Omega, the First & the Last, the Beginning & the End." **Rev. 22:13**
 - ii. Jesus is not the **baby of eternity**, but the **Father of it**. "God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him." – **John 1:3**
 - iii. We tend to think of Jesus as the Son of God. **Trinity.**
 - But Jesus said, **John 10:30** – "**The Father and I are one.**"
 - It was b/c Jesus made "Himself equal with God" that the Jews tried to kill Him. See **John 5:18**
 - Jesus tried to explain this to Philip:
"Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, it is the Father dwelling in Me, performing His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me—or at least believe on account of the works themselves...." **John 14:9-11**

- iv. Jesus said we “must be **born again.**” B/c we’re born again by belief in Jesus, He is the **Father of our faith.**
- v. And this Everlasting Father showed us that His love never ends. It is everlasting, no matter what we have done.

5. He is the **Prince of Peace.** He came to bring Peace. . . not what u think.

- a. Before salvation, sin separated us from God. He is Holy; we’re not.
- b. But Jesus is **our Peacemaker.** **Is. 53:5** – “*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; **punishment that brought us peace was on him,** and by his wounds we are healed.*”
- c. He gives us **peace with God.** We don’t have to fear meeting God. We are right with God b/c Jesus makes us righteous.

Col. 1: 19-20 – “*For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.*”

- d. Jesus also gives us **peace thru life’s problems.**
 - i. **John 16:33** – “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
- e. But **Jesus didn’t promise peace w/ all people.** No peace & harmony
Matt. 10:34 – “*Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.*”
 - i. **Mark 13:13** – “everyone will hate you b/c U are my followers.”
 - ii. The time for ultimate peace among people is in New Kingdom

6. Jesus – not the baby, but the man - is the **way to the Father.**

- a. **John 14:6** - Jesus told Thomas, “*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*”
- b. **Jn 10:9** – “*I am the gate. Those who come in thru me will be saved.*”
- c. The baby didn’t make the way for us to Heaven. The man did. He paid our price by His sacrifice. His blood washes us clean.