

**MESSAGE:** WHO IS THIS JESUS? *Wonderful Counselor* 12.1.19

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## GETTING STARTED

### Who is this Jesus? – Wonderful Counselor

“Wonderful.” The Hebrew word *pala* indicates “a phenomenon lying outside the realm of human explanation; that which is separated from the normal course of events.” The same word is used in Psalm 139:6 in just this way: “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.” It describes something miraculous!

1. Are we as astonished by the Wonder of the Counselor as Isaiah was? Read Isaiah 9:6
2. What evidence do we have that Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor? What do we know about Christ?
3. As God incarnate, how does Jesus understand our weaknesses?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Colossians 2:3, 8-9.
2. Jesus demonstrated His abilities in knowing people. Refer to John 1:47-48 & 2:25
3. Read James 1: 5. Do you need wisdom? Take some time and ask for it.
4. Read Hebrews 4:16.
5. Read Hebrews 10:25. Community should motivate us to encourage each other, love one another, and do good works.

## TAKE AWAY

1. God cares for and comforts the broken-hearted through His people (1 Corinthians 12:25).. If one person is suffering, we are all suffering.
2. Take some time this week and let God counsel you through His word and prayer.
3. How can people be praying for you this week? Avoid isolation and reach out for help.

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- “How Do I Help Someone with Suicidal Thoughts?” - *Mike Emler*
- “Do We Need One Another in the Christian Life?” - *Ed Welch*
- “How Do I Respond to an Unfading Feeling of Deep Depression?”  
*Winston Smith*
- “Why is talking to a counselor helpful?” - *Charles Betters*

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