

## Wonderfully Wrapped

📖 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV) “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

### Jesus is wrapped in PROPHECY.

📖 Isaiah 9:6–7a (NIV) “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

📖 Isaiah 53:2–10 (NIV) “He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. <sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.”

### Jesus is wrapped in HISTORY.

📖 Galatians 4:4–5 (ESV) “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

📖 Luke 2:1–6 (Msg) “About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. <sup>2</sup> This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David’s town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. <sup>5</sup> He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to give birth.”

### Jesus is wrapped in MYSTERY.

📖 Matthew 1:23 (NIV) “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

📖 John 1:1–4, 14 (NIV) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. . . <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

### Jesus is wrapped in HUMANITY.

📖 Galatians 2:20 (NIV) “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

📖 John 14:16–17 (NIV) “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.”