



THE
MAGNIFICENCE OF
JESUS

Scripture Reading:

**John 3:31; John 1:3;
Song of Songs 2:1; Jeremiah 8:22**

John 3:31

He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

John 1:3

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Song of Songs 2:1

**'I am the Rose of Sharon, and the
lily of the valleys.'**

Jeremiah 8:22

'Is there no balm in Gilead?'

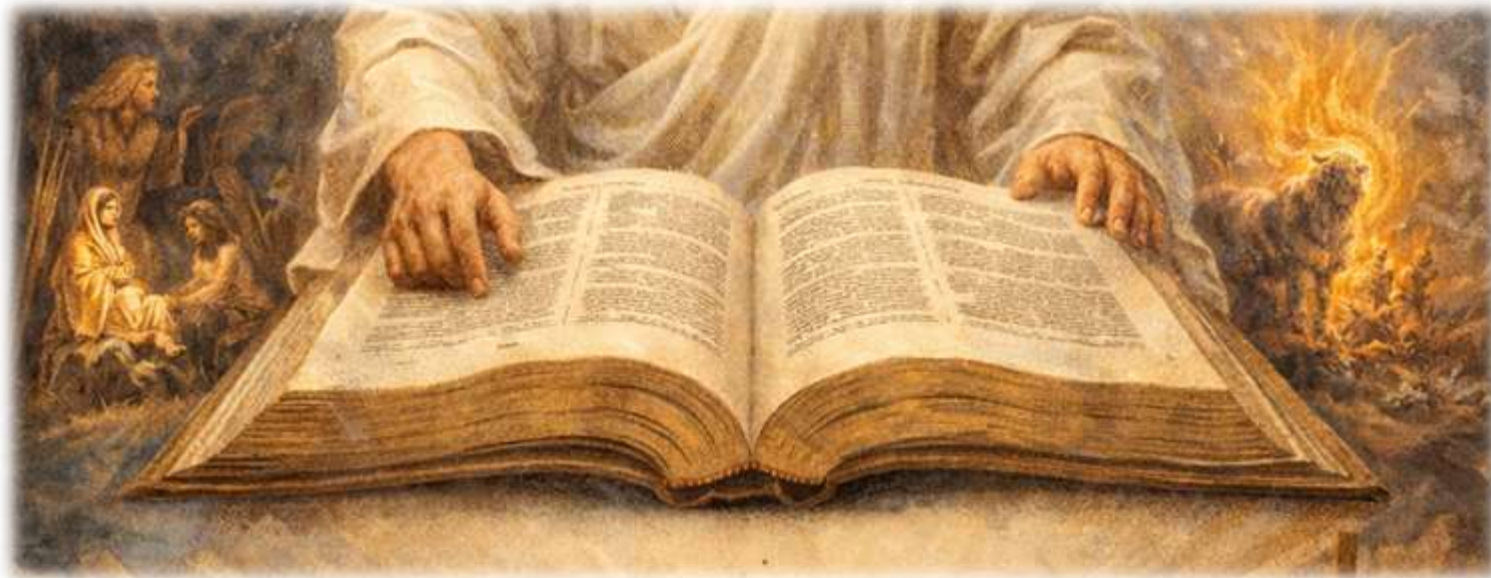


JOHN the Baptist said of Jesus, 'The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.'

Jesus' divine origin is heaven

We are 'the one who is from earth and therefore belongs to the earth.'

Jesus is the central subject of the Bible.



The very first verse of the New Testament in Matthew says, 'The book of the generation of Jesus Christ.' And the last verse of the New Testament in Revelation says, 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.'

1

**Jesus is magnificent as to
His eternal source.**

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee **before the world was.**

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me **before the foundation of the world.**

JOHN 17:5 says Jesus is 'before the world was.' And **verse 24** says 'He was loved by the Father before the foundation of the world.'

JOHN 1:1-2 says, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.'

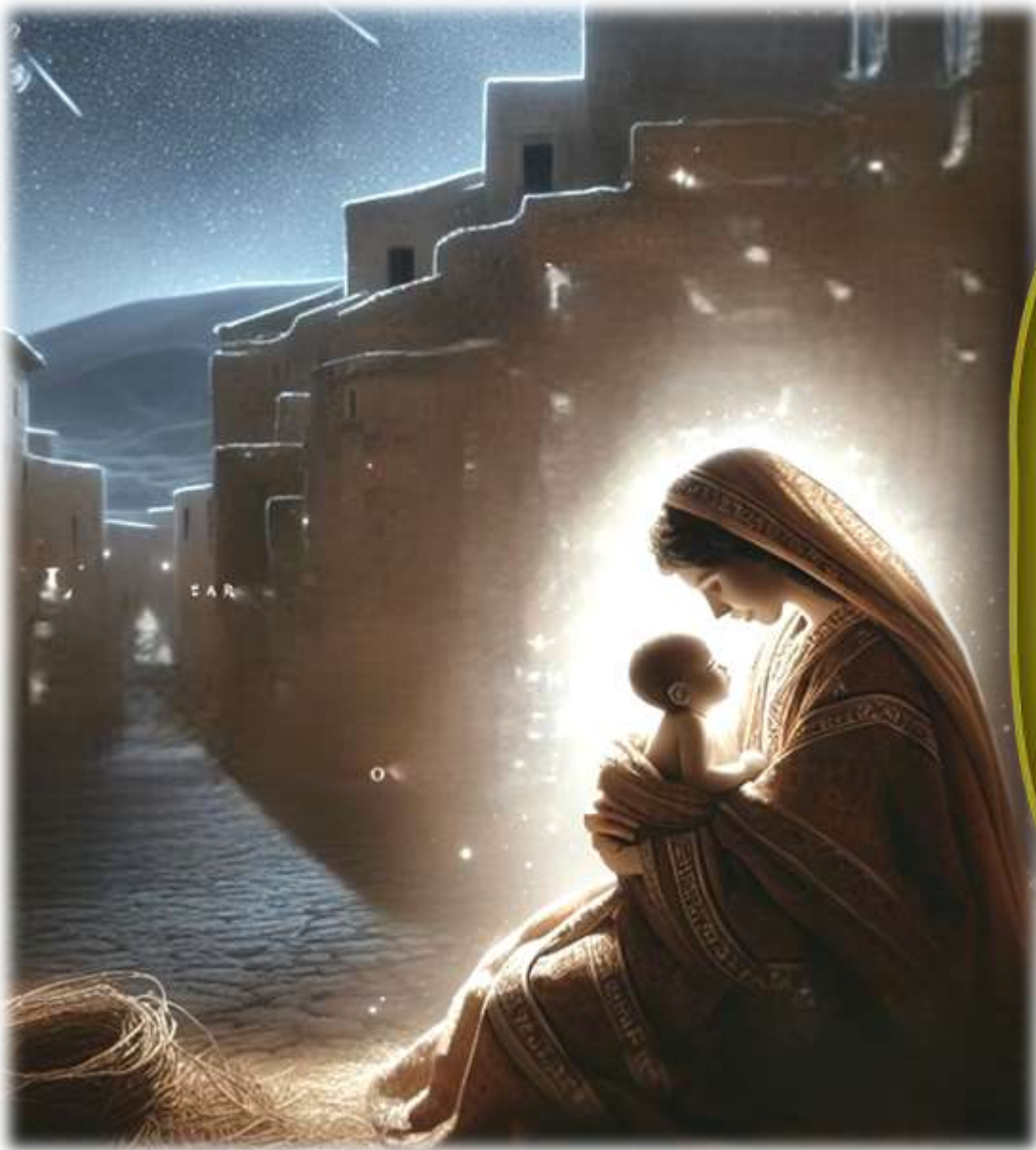


Because Jesus has always been with God, He knows all about us. He knows how we are made. He knows the secrets of our hearts. He knows our needs. And what is more, being God, He can supply all our needs.



2

**Jesus is magnificent as to
His Miraculous Birth**



The bible declares that our Lord's mother was a virgin, that His conception was miraculous, and that the agent of conception was the Holy Spirit.

3

**Jesus is magnificent as to
His perfect life**

Jesus was perfect God, and yet at the same time He was perfect man. As man, He hungered; as God He is the bread of life. **As man, he said, 'I thirst.'** **As God, He says, 'Let him that is athirst come unto Me and drink.'** As man, He was weary; as God, He gives rest to all who come to Him. As man, He prayed, as God, He hears and answers our prayers. As man, He wept; as God, He wipes away our tears. As man, He was tempted, as God, He did not sin.'

4

**Jesus is magnificent as to
His supernatural power**

John 1:3 says, 'All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.' Jesus is the agent of creation. **Everything in existence – universe, earth, life – was created through Him.**

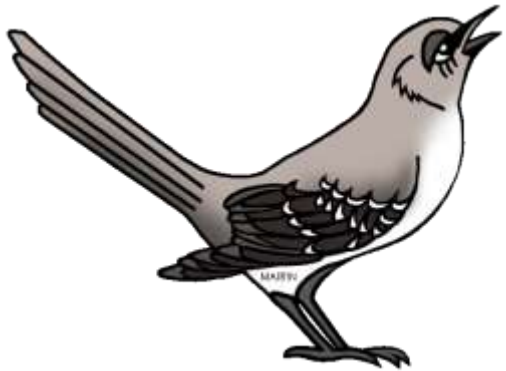




**Who conceived the grace of
the young deer?**



**Who devised the majesty of
the mountains**



**Who put the song in the
throat of the mockingbird?**



When you say Jesus is the Rose of Sharon, it means He is altogether lovely, beautiful to the soul. He brings life to dry places. Sharon was a fertile plain known for its flowers and beauty. The image suggests that Jesus brings life where there is barrenness, hope where there is dryness and beauty where sin has made things ugly.



He is the Lily of the valley. Lily points the sinless beauty of Christ. A lily is not harsh or violent but gentle, soft and tender.

Valley is often a picture of sorrow, weakness, trials, dark seasons, humble places and even suffering. So, it means Jesus appears in our lowest places, not just on the mountain, not only in victory but in grief, loneliness, disappointment, fear and suffering. In your valley of confusion, Jesus is still present. In the valley of the shadow of death, Jesus is still enough.

Balm of Gilead is a picture of healing – not just physical healing, but it points especially to the healing of deep spiritual wounds.

Balm of
Gilead



5

**Jesus is magnificent as to
His sacrificial suffering**

Great men of this world may be valued for their lives, but Jesus is known above all for His death.



6

**Jesus is magnificent as to
His Promised Return**

Paul says, 'For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.'

Paul is saying, 'As long as I am alive, my whole life belongs to Christ. And if I die, I only gain something even better – being with Him.'



Paul did not say:

To love is money

To live is success

To live is comfort

To live is reputation

To live is family

To live is self

Paul says, 'To live is Christ.' That means Christ is the center, purpose, meaning, and goal of my life. It means:



Christ is my reason for living

Christ is my identity

Christ is my joy

Christ is my message

Christ is my ambition

Christ is my strength

Paul's life was not merely influenced by Jesus. His life was destined by Jesus.

Right now, we still struggle with:

Temptation

Weakness

Flesh

Failures

Inner battles

But soon to die in Christ means:

No more tears

No more fear

No more pain

No more loss

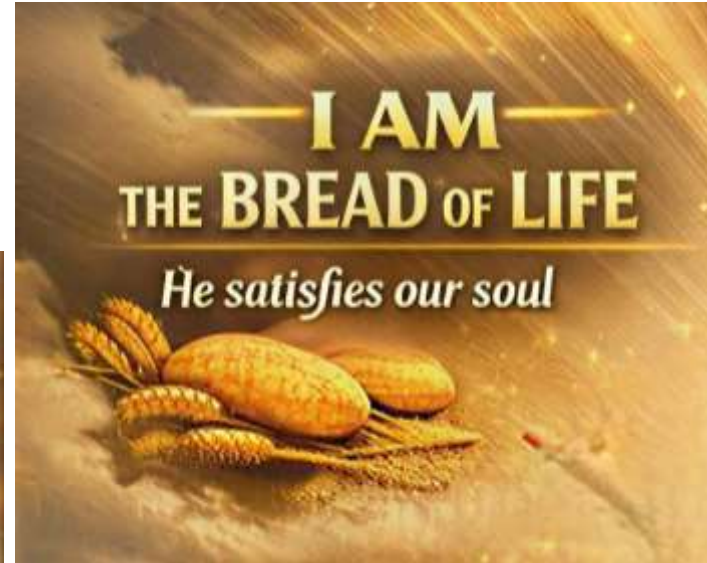
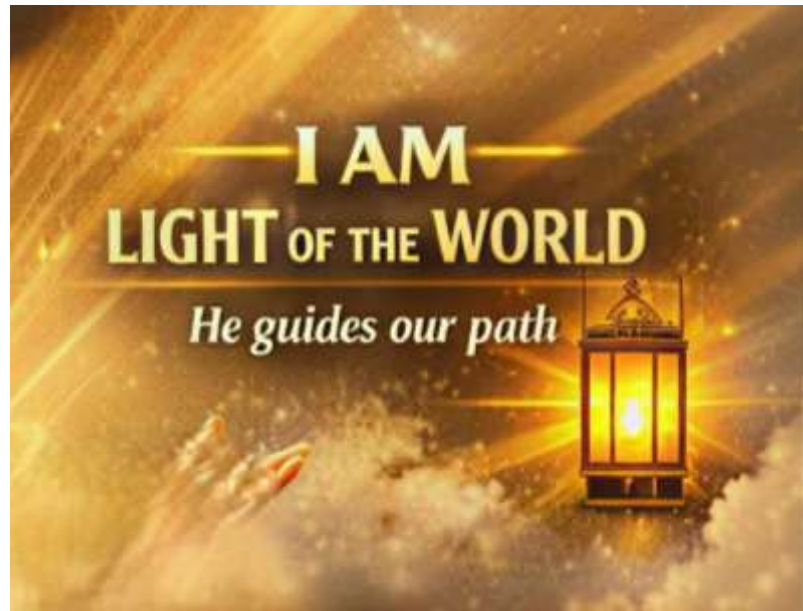
No more curse.

What am I trying to point out?

As surely as Jesus came the first time, so certain is it that He will come again.

When Jesus comes again in power and great glory, He will be the judge from Heaven who will **'bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.'**

In conclusion, Jesus is the light of the World, the bread of life, the true vine, the good shepherd, the door to heaven.



And if you have never accepted Him, if you have been saying, **'I want to run my own life. I want to paddle my own canoe. I want to be king of my castle,'** remember this: there is a day coming when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. During the trial of Jesus, Pilate raised the question, **'What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?'** Your answer will determine your eternal destiny



