Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor

In Isaiah 9:6, the first title the prophet Isaiah gives to the coming Messiah is "Wonderful Counselor." Join us as we dig into Scripture to discover what this title communicates about Jesus and how it connects to the biblical wisdom tradition. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we will discuss what it means that Jesus is the wisdom of God and is, therefore, a wonderful counselor whose guidance, when we seek and follow it with humility, keeps us on the right path.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How would you describe the role of a counselor?
- What do you think are the qualities of a good counselor?



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READ Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, Colossians 1:15-19

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How does the context in which this prophecy was given impact our understanding of Isaiah 9:2-7?
- At the start of segment 2, host Darrell Delaney mentions a few stories from the "hall of fame in Israel's history," the marvelous works of God as he advised and guided his people. Darrell points out that these stories support the description of the Messiah as a *wonderful* counselor. How do some of God's "hall of fame" moments in your life demonstrate Jesus as a wonderful counselor?
- How did you react when host Scott Hoezee compared Jesus to the Rosetta stone, the key that unlocks mysteries for us? Do you find his comparison helpful? Why or why not?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Proverbs 3:5-6, John 1:1-5

CONCLUSION

As you prepare to celebrate Christmas, focus on Jesus Christ as your wonderful counselor. Think about how you answered the questions in the Awareness and Reflection sections above. Offer prayers of thanks and praise for how you've seen his wisdom and guidance at work in your past, and talk to him about where you need his counsel now.

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