MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS

Miracle #1: God came to EARTH.

Matthew 1:22-23 "22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**" (which means "**God with us**")." (NIV)

John 1:1-2, 14 "1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning … 14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (NIV)

Miracle #2: God Became a HUMAN BEING.

Philippians 2:6-7 "6 Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being …" (NLT)

Hebrews 4:15-16 "15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (NIV)

Miracle #3: God came to ORDINARY people.

Mark 2:15-17 "15 Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) 16 But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" 17 When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." (NLT)

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 "[26] Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. [28] God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, [29] so that no one may boast before him. [30] It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. [31] Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." (NIV)

Miracle #4: God came for my BENEFIT.

John 3:16-17 "*[16] For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.*" (NIV)

Hebrews 2:14-18 "[14] Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— [15] and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. [16] For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. [17] For this reason he had to be made like them. fully human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. [18] Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Luke 1:68 "Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to the help of His people and has set them free." (GNT)