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A WONDERFUL SAVIOR

(Matthew 1:18 – 25)

INTRODUCTION - What is it that makes Jesus so wonderful, distinctive, set apart?

1. THE MANNER OF HIS BIRTH: (text)

This puts Jesus in a class by Himself.
An earthly child with a heavenly Father, a heavenly child with an earthly mother.

2. HE LIVED A WONDERFUL LIFE

(Hebrews 4:15) "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."
Pilate concluded: (Luke 23:4) "I find no fault in this Man."
(1 Peter 2:22) "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth."
No one ever has lived, is living, nor will ever live like that.

3. HE DIED A VICARIOUS DEATH

"Vicarious" - serving instead of someone else; a Divine substitute.
(Romans 5:6-8) "... Christ died for the ungodly ... Christ died for us."
(1 John 4:10) "... and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

4. HIS PURPOSE-FILLED RESURRECTION

(Romans 4:25) "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised for our justification"
(1 Cor. 15:17) "and if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are yet in your sins."

5. HIS ASCENSION TO HEAVEN: (Acts 1:9-11)

(Ephesians 1:20-23) "which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places ..."
(Colossians 3:1) "... seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God"

6. HE'S COMING BACK: (Acts 1:11)

(John 14:1-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

7. HIS WONDERFUL (GRACIOUS) INVITATION

(John 1:17) "the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"
(Matthew 11:28-29) "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest ... and you will find rest for your souls"
Here's the plan (steps, formula, procedure): (Acts 2:36 – 41, v47)

CLOSE: A wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord.