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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)