

<u>1 Tim. 1:14</u> And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Recently, I saw a movie that was entitled, "TAKE ME TO AMAZING." The last few years we have had themes about God's Love So Amazing, and Grace So Amazing. For 2024, our theme is Faith So Amazing. This morning, I hope to "take you to amazing" by considering several areas where we can easily see that the Lord Jesus Christ is so amazing.

The place to begin seeing that the Lord Jesus is so amazing is in His deity.

I. THE LORD WAS AMAZING IN HIS DEITY

After His birth in Bethlehem, the Lord Jesus lived a life that was a testimony of His Father.

<u>Jn. 14:9</u> Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

Jn. 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

The Pharisees sent chief priests to take Jesus captive.

- Jn. 7:32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. ...
- <u>45</u> Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?
 <u>46</u> The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

After the resurrection, the disciples testified of Jesus' deity.

Acts 4:23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

Jesus declared His deity:

Jn. 10:30 I and my Father are one.

Jesus' disciples declared His deity:

Mt. 14:33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

<u>Mt. 16:16</u> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

II. THE LORD WAS AMAZING IN HIS DOCTRINE

Observers of Jesus' ministry were amazed at His doctrine:

<u>Mark 1:27</u> And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

<u>Mt. 7:28</u> And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: Mt. 22:33 And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

Those who heard the teaching of the Lord Jesus were amazed how He taught them with power and authority.

Mark 1:22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Luke 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

<u>Acts 13:12</u> Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

III. THE LORD WAS AMAZING IN HIS DEATH

The life, death, burial, and resurrection constitutes the foundation for Christianity.

<u>Rom. 5:10</u> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

<u>2 Cor. 5:21</u> For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. <u>Rom. 6:9</u> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

The Incarnation provided the means for His death upon the cross.

<u>Phil. 2:8</u> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

<u>Heb. 2:9</u> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

<u>1 Pet. 3:18</u> For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

IV. THE LORD WAS AMAZING IN HIS DEPARTURE

After the resurrection, the Lord Jesus was seen forty days before He ascended to heaven. Act 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: <u>3</u> To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The ascension was a motivation of the disciples to worship Him and possess "great joy."

Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: <u>Acts 1:9</u> And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

V. THE LORD IS AMAZING IN HIS DILIGENCE

The Lord Jesus had a mission from the Father and fulfilled it.

<u>1 Jn. 4:14</u> And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

<u>1 Tim. 1:15</u> This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

The Lord Jesus continues to make intercession for His children.

<u>Rom. 8:34</u> Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. The Lord Jesus promised to remain diligent in support of His children.

<u>Heb. 13:5</u> *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

<u>Summary</u> ★THE LORD WAS AMAZING IN HIS DEITY

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Conclusion

Rom. 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of **Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <u>39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall</u> be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.