

**The Miracle Nobody Saw - Christmas 2023** 

While many individuals who do not actively follow Christianity may believe they are acquainted with the narrative of the nativity, the annual Christmas scenes featuring Baby Jesus in a manger adorning lawns and church grounds, accompanied by songs about shepherds and angels, saturate the atmosphere. However, despite these prevalent Christian motifs in mainstream culture, how often do we truly delve into the intricacies of this biblical story?

The narratives present in the Gospels shed light on a remarkable account of God's arrival, initiating a journey into the intriguing backdrop of the nativity. By grasping the message of hope and salvation embedded in the Bible's portrayal of Jesus' birth, we can delve into a more profound and meaningful experience of the redemptive potency of God's grace.

## Read Luke 2:1-20, Isaiah 9:6-7

1. Why would Luke write such a detailed account of Jesus' Birth in the first two chapters of his book?

- 2. "Salvation by works" is the belief we can earn salvation, why is this not possible?
- 3. What makes "Salvation by Grace" so beautiful?
- 4. The Prophet Isaiah writes in 9:6 that the coming Savior will carry certain attributes, what are they?
- 5. What does it mean for God to be a "Wonderful Counselor"?
- 6. How is God's wisdom different than world's?

