

CHRISTMAS:

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Expect a Miracle

Isaiah 9:2-7

MIRACLE

mir•a•cle \ˈmir-i-kəl\ *noun*

[Middle English, from Old French, from Late Latin *miraculum*, from Latin, a wonder, marvel, from *mirari* to wonder at]

1 : an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs

2 : an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment

Merriam-Webster, I. (1996). *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10th ed.). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

MAGIC

- **1** the use of means (as charms or spells) believed to have supernatural power over natural forces
- **2**
 - a** : an extraordinary power or influence seemingly from a supernatural source
 - b** : something that seems to cast a spell : ENCHANTMENT
- **3** the art of producing illusions by sleight of hand

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness from that time on and
forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

IMPLICATIONS

1. How quickly we forget the past.
2. How easy it is for us to overlook the miracle that is in us.
3. How easy it is for us to forget what has been promised.
4. How easy it is for us to overlook the opportunities that God has set before us.



- Why are we so unimpressed by the miracles we profess?
- Why will it take to raise our expectations regarding the impact that our lives can have?
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TO GO . . .

- What is the greatest miracle of Advent?
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