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HE IS COUNSELOR

Prophets throught out the ages have foreseen many things. The ancient Prophet Isaiah announced the birth of Jesus centuries before the actual event. As written in *Isaiah 9:6*, he also revealed the many NAMES our Lord would be referred to as: The Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, The Mighty God and also as Counselor. Today, we explore the many ways Christ qualifies as our BEST COUNSELOR.

To begin, Christ became AVAILABLE. This speaks to His wisdom. We all find it worthless when knowledge is either not available or not applicable to real life. Our Lord came down from Heaven in the shape of a man. Jesus walked amongst us, experiencing exactly what you and I go though on a daily basis. He was accessible to all: *rich and poor, children and adults*, and expecially to sinners in need of His help.

Christ came to us with ANSWERS. During his childhood, He sat in the temple in the midst of church teachers. As stated in *Luke 2:46*, Jesus both listened and answered questions. After cleansing the temple of money-changers (*John 2:28-19*). He was asked by His critics, “What sign do you show us . . .” He answered “*Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up*”, foreshadowing His death and resurrection. Christ answered questions on the promise of Heaven (*John 14: 1-6*) and the perils of Hell (*Luke 16:19-31*).

Our Councelor came with ASSURANCES, especially for the hopeless sinner. Jesus brought a message of love, as witnessed by many; among them the Samaritan woman, the tax-collector Zacchaeus and finally the dying thief on the cross. He brought a message of hope to those who had no hope.

How refreshing it is to celebrate our Saviour today. His answers are relevant to every need of every age. Bring your burdens to Him. Christ, the Counselor, will guide you Through them all.