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Webster's defines a paradox as "a statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is perhaps true."

If you're like me, you probably find that a lot of things in life are like that—things that appear at first glance as opposites are actually true.

On a simple level, how can a brown cow eat green grass and give white milk? It sure seems impossible to a 5-year-old.

Can 80,000 tons of steel float? Seems impossible until you see the *Queen Mary* or the *Enterprise*.

Or how about household chemistry? Salt is good, yet it is composed of two substances that are poisons, but together they cancel each other out.

We seem to like paradoxes. The fun of holding two ideas together in tandem that appear to be pulling against each other gets us thinking, exercising our minds.

The gospel is like that. It gets us thinking. It prods us. It teaches us that...

- God is all powerful, yet he came to the earth to die.
- Christ was the Light of the world, yet his first crib was a manger.

What no mystery writer could ever dream up, what no science fiction fan could ever imagine came to pass. In the person of Jesus, God came to this earth to die for us so we could live forever.

Sound paradoxical?

Perhaps, but it's true. And it's good news! ☐

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