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Sometimes the thing that lasts the test of time isn't always the thing we most desired.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:2, 6

The might Jesus displayed wasn't what they expected, instead it was the might that was needed for the bigger picture.

"And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. (not a Hilton, not a palace,)...And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."
Luke 2:16, 21

Jesus was Mighty God in that he chose humility when he could have desired fame.

"who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."
Philippians 2:6-8

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Jesus was Mighty God in that he served when he could have desired riches.

"And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' And they cast lots to divide his garments."
Luke 23:33-34

Jesus was Mighty God in that he chose to forgive when he could have desired pay back.

"And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!; There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ... Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!' And having said this he breathed his last."
Luke 23:35-38, 46

Jesus was Mighty God in that he endured pain when he could have desired escape.

Jesus was a different picture of Mighty God because He was battling a bigger darkness than Rome.

"looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."
Hebrews 12:2

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Our understanding of darkness determines the source of light that we need.

Until we take an eternal view of darkness, we will settle for an earthly view of Mighty God.

The early church didn't say "look what the world is coming to." They said, "look what has come into the world."
Carl Henry

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
2 Corinthians 5:17,21

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