

Jesus: God Made Known

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GETTING STARTED

Who is the best communicator you have ever heard or seen? *What made them so good?*

OVERVIEW

The incarnation - “the Word made flesh” - is the clearest communication of who God is. In the prologue of John’s Gospel, he shows how Jesus is the message of God that came to the world in flesh and lived among us to show us God’s glory. John’s goal in writing is to prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, so that we might believe and have life in His name.

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read John 1:1-5 & Genesis 1:1-5:** How many similarities do you notice?
 - Why do you think John started his Gospel this way?
3. **Read John 1:6-13:** Why does John use the imagery of “the light” here?
 - What is the difference between those who receive the Light and those who don’t?
4. **Read John 1:14-18:** What is important about Jesus’ combination of “grace and truth”?
 - **Read Exodus 33:7-23:** How does Moses’ meeting with God compare with Jesus?
 - **Read Exodus 34:1-9:** How does God giving Moses the Law compare with Jesus?
5. In your own words, what is John’s main point in the prologue (**1:1-18**) to his Gospel?

APPLY

6. Have you felt like you’ve missed or misunderstood God’s message(s)? *Why or why not?*
 - In what way(s) does God most clearly communicate to you?
 - What are some reasons people choose not to hear or receive God?
7. What did bringing/living both “grace and truth” look like in Jesus’ own life?
 - What would the combination of God’s grace and truth look like for you this week?
8. How does God becoming human make it easier for us to know and see God?
 - Each day, how can you seek to know God better *through* Jesus?
9. How can we respond to God “becoming flesh” and “moving into our neighborhood”?
 - What are some ways you can move towards others in your life right now?