



PART 2: TO SHAW US WHAT GOD IS LIKE

Sermon Notes

Text: John 1:1-15, 14-18

Intro:

Matthew 1:23

Jesus is God's way of saying "this is who I am"

1. God is Light (v. 4-5)

1 John 1:5; Isaiah 9:2

Light illuminates truth, exposes sin and makes sense of the universe.

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." ~C.S. Lewis

2. God can be known (v. 18)

Jesus is God's ultimate self-disclosure. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3; John 14:9

3. God has something to say (v. 1-2, 14)

"Jesus is what God has to say" ~Brian Zahnd

Hebrews 1:1-2

Matthew 17 - The Transfiguration

Conclusion:

The world changed because regular people started to listen to Jesus.

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Jesus is God's way of helping us get to know him. When you meet someone new, what sorts of things do you want to learn about them first? What do you want them to learn about you?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read John 1:1-18. Much ink has been spilled in theological texts over this passage, so it's understandable if it's a little hard to understand at first. But what stands out to you? Why would Jesus be called "the word?" Is this how we usually use the term "word of God?"
2. Read 1 John 1:5-10. How does John use the metaphor of light here? What do God and light have in common? What do you think it means practically to "walk in the light"?
3. Read Matthew 17:1-9. What does this story say about Jesus? What is Jesus' relationship to the Old Testament (see also Hebrews 1:1-4)? How do you handle Old Testament passages that seem to contradict what God reveals in Jesus?

Application:

1. Is there something Jesus is saying to you that you need to start listening to?

Prayer:

Requests

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