

WHY IN THE WORLD

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→ God became one of us.

John 1: 14 "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

→ Why did He come as one of us, and live as one of us, among us?

John 14:1-11 "Let not your heart be troubled..."

Thomas said "Lord,, we don't know the where or the way..."

Jesus said "I am the only way...to God."

Phillip said "Show us the Father and that's enough."

Have you ever wished "If I could just KNOW that there is God and that He knows I'm here"?

Jesus said, "I am as close as you'll ever get to

SEEING WHAT GOD'S LIKE

If you want to know what God says-- LISTEN to Me!

If you want to know what God does-- WATCH Me!

1. To Tell and Show What God is Like.

Not just INFORMATION

Not GUESSWORK -

Jesus didn't claim to HAVE the best explanation of God;

Jesus claimed to BE the best explanation of God!

2. Ways We Try to Understand God:

We look at our CIRCUMSTANCES

We look to our RELIGIONS TRADITIONS

We look WITHIN

We look at NATURE

God wants you to know what God is like—He took the INITIATIVE

Luke 1: 30- 33

3. What should I do?

Read one gospel this week (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and ask:

"What do we learn about the Father from THE SON?"

Recognize this:

If you move past Jesus, you'll move away from GOD

If you stop short of Jesus, you'll miss INSIGHTS about God.

Bible Reading: John 1: 14, John 14:1-11

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 14: 1-11

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.