

## GAZING AT GOD

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John 1:14-18

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### INTRODUCTION: COMMUNICATION

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine a world without communication.

Hebrews 1:1-3

? But what is God communicating? What does God wish for us to know?

**Proposition:** Jesus is God become man so that man could see and know God.

### I. GOD BECAME A MAN

#### John MacArthur

God became something He had never been without ceasing to be what He always was.

#### A. THE NATURE OF JESUS' HUMANITY

##### 1. Flesh

#### Incarnation

the act of becoming flesh and blood

cp. Hebrews 4:15

##### 2. Dwelling Among Us

**Point:** Jesus is every bit human as we are, but without sin.

## B. THE NATURE OF JESUS' DEITY

Jesus is unlike any other human to have ever lived.

### **Colossians 2:9**

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form

### **Deity**

the quality of being God

Jesus is God.

### 1. John The Baptist, Greatest Of Men

### **Luke 7:28**

I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

a. Jesus is my superior

b. Jesus came before me

**Point:** Jesus is the eternal God come to the earth as a human.

### 2. Moses, Greatest Of Religious Leaders

### **Deuteronomy 34:10**

And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

a. Moses gave us the Law.

b. Jesus gave us grace and truth.

Exodus 34:6, 7

### **Hebrews 3:3, 4**

For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

**Point:** Jesus isn't just another religious leader, He is holy God.

## **II. MAN SEES GOD**

### A. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD

#### **1 Timothy 1:17**

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Exodus 33:20

### B. JESUS HAS EXPLAINED GOD

a. To see Jesus is to see God's glory, v. 14

#### **Glory**

The expressed qualities of a person

"only son" or "only begotten"

cp. Hebrews 11:17

b. To see Jesus is to see God

John 14:8, 9

c. To hear Jesus explain God is firsthand information

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 5:18; 10:33

? What about those of us who haven't physically seen Jesus?

1 John 1:1-3; John 20:29; Ephesians 1:18

-God's purpose is for His creation to know Him (Isaiah 11:9).

Habakkuk 2:14

-God's purpose is for us to know Him personally.

Jeremiah 9:23, 24

-But our sin blinds us and keeps us from knowing Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Acts 17:23

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**Point:** Jesus is our Creator come to bring us back into relationship with God by explaining His glory to us.

## **CONCLUSION:** THEOLOGY OF CHRISTMAS

Many passages of Scripture tell us of the many blessings from Jesus' incarnation.

? What would John have us focus on as the purpose of Jesus' incarnation?

Jesus is the glory of God in human.

2 Corinthians 4:6

## **APPLICATION**

1. Seek to know God through Jesus Christ.
2. Communicate with God daily.