

To Communicate and Demonstrate Why in the World, Part 1 11/26/17

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Why in the world would God **BECOME** one of us, **LIVE** as one of us, among us?

The Sunday School answer is Jesus came to **DIE** and **PAY** for our sins

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One of the reasons why God came to dwell among us was to **COMMUNICATE** and **DEMONSTRATE** what God is like

Jesus didn't claim to **HAVE** the best explanation of God; Jesus claimed to **BE** the best explanation of God.

We have an inclination to try to figure out God by looking in all the **WRONG** places. We look at...

- our **CIRCUMSTANCES**
- our religious **TRADITIONS**
- what's **WITHIN**
- **NATURE**

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If you move past Jesus, you’re **MOVING AWAY** from God

Homework Assignment: Read 1 of the 4 gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) and ask, “What do I learn **ABOUT** the Father **FROM** the Son?” (*Be sure and write what you learn down!*)

There are things about God we would **NEVER** know with certainty had Jesus not **REVEALED** them

What a tragedy to miss God, because we were too **LAZY** to read

The Father wants to **BE KNOWN** by you

The reason Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us is so we could **KNOW GOD**

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