

**He has made him known**

John 1:10-18

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He has made him known.

This is the punch line of the prologue to John's gospel. This is the punch line of the whole gospel.

He has made him known. He has made God known.

There is a God ...

There is a God, a God from whom all things come and to whom all things belong.

There is a God, a God who loves the world, a God who loves you.

There is a God, a God who listens, a God who provides, a God who heals.

There is a God, a God who is full of grace, not full of vengeance and an unquenchable anger.

There is a God, a God who is full of truth, acting by and in and for the truth, not by whim or caprice or willfulness.

There is a God, like this!

How do we know that? No one has ever seen God, so how do we know that? Jesus Christ has made him known! If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

That's why it is so important to recognize him! Open our eyes, Lord! If we do not recognize him, if we do not know him, we will not know God. Or the God we do know or claim to know will merely be the product of our own imagination or fear or wishful thinking.

The word, the word that was with God from the beginning, the word by which God spoke everything into existence, the word by which God speaks his will, the word by which God speaks his love, the word that is itself the expression of God's passion, God's heart, God's self, the word that was God, the word that is God ...

This word became flesh, this word became a human being and lived among us! In Jesus, the essence, the substance, the full expression of the God who is not seen, was embodied -- seen, touched, heard, known!

Look! See him! Listen to him! Recognize him!

Out of the fullness of his grace, he has blessed us all! Out of the fullness of his grace, he will bless you!