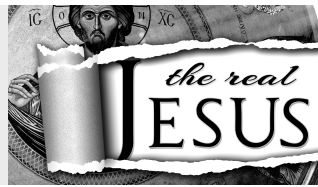


God moves into the neighborhood.

The Real Jesus- Part 3
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John 1:14-18 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

1. What did John think of “the Law of Moses” (vs. 17)?

John and his countrymen thought of God’s instructions (laws), given though Moses, as a gift! They believed that they were given, so that they could know God, follow Him and be His family on earth. Although the people in the Old Testament failed time and again to honor God’s teachings - it’s clear that people always cherished them.

-Psalm 119:14 *I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.* & Deuteronomy 8:11 Joshua 1:8

-Matthew 5:17 *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”* & Luke 5:14; Luke 18 (The Rich Ruler)

John’s love for God’s teaching (law) is what gives impact to John’s contrast in verse 17. Moses’ instructions were *good*, but the ultimate gift was the Grace & Truth that came through Jesus!

2. Why did Jesus come and “live with us”?

What motives shaped your decision to move from one location to another?

John 3:16 For *God so loved the world* that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3. Do you believe that God still wants to “live with us”?

Jesus promised his friends that although he was leaving, he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. (John 14:16-17 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth.... you know him, for **he lives with you and will be in you.**) You don’t have to find a special place to be near God. You don’t have to “get it all together” to experience the presence of God’s Spirit in you. The experience begins (and continues) when we confess to God that we don’t want to live life for ourselves or according to our own desires.

A great resource is the book, “*With*” by Syke Jethani.

The LIFE *WITH* GOD posture is predicated on the view that relationship is at the core of the cosmos: God the Father with God the Son with God the Holy Spirit. And so we should not be surprised to discover that when God desired to restore his broken relationship with people, he sent his Son to dwell with us. “*With*” by Skye Jethani page 100

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