

DAILY READINGS



DEVOTIONAL: READ JOHN 1:1-14

Author A. W. Tozer famously said, "What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." What we truly believe about God will define who we are and how we live our lives. It is vitally important that we think of God accurately. We call the study of God "theology." Sound theology is the study of the nature and person of God through the lens of the authoritative Scriptures.

The Bible is God's Word and is authoritative in the way it portrays God and instructs our lives. It is one of the primary ways He has revealed Himself to the world. He also revealed Himself through the living person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is described as the "Word made flesh." John 1:1-2 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." In this description, "the Word" is capitalized because it is both a name and a title. Jesus is the Word further portrayed in verse 14 of the same chapter.

"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" (John 1:14).

The Word became flesh. The Creator of the universe came and dwelt among us to be the living revelation of God. The grace and truth of God walked on this earth and showed us the glory of God. To know Jesus is to know God! May we strive to see Him clearly and know Him personally, having a right understanding of the God of the universe.

REFLECTION

Why would it be true that the way you think about God is the most important thing about you? Do you believe this?

What do you believe about Jesus? Write out the things that you know to be true about Him.

How can you know Jesus more? What specifically can you do this week to know Him more?

DISCUSSION

Do you ever read the Bible? What do you think about it?

PRAYER

God, thank You that You have revealed Yourself to the world. Thank You that You are knowable and personable. You are the creator of the universe, over and above all things, yet You are right here with me. You are holy and Ruler of all, yet You want to be known personally and to know me personally.

Thank You that You have revealed Yourself through Your Word! Speak to me through Your scripture. Make scripture the foundation of my reality and the lens through which I see everything.

Father, thank You for revealing Yourself through Jesus. In knowing Jesus, I am able to know You—Your character, Your will, and Your mission. Help me to see Jesus clearly and grow in my knowledge of You each day. Amen.