





In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. *In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. (Jn 1:1-5)*

This was the true Light that, coming into the world,
enlightens every person. He was in the world, and the
world came into being through Him, and yet the world
did not know Him. (*Jn 1:9-10*)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; *and we saw His glory*, glory as of the only *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth. (*John 1:14*)

For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; God the only *Son*, who is in the arms of the Father, *He has explained Him*. (*John 1:17-18*)

The Nations need to see Jesus

It is the desire and generosity of God to bring Light into the darkness

Jesus reveals an understanding of God that we are unable to see
apart from Him - *(John 16:6-9)*



But when *Jesus* heard *this*, He said, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. *Now go and learn what this means: ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION (MERCY), RATHER THAN SACRIFICE,’* for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

(Matthew 9:12-13)

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. *(John 6:40)*



Jesus replied to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water. *(John 4:10)*”



And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, *had known on this day the things that make for peace!* But now they are hidden from your eyes. (Luke 19:41-42)

(Matt 23:37)

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- *Jesus has made the Father known to us*
- *So that the love of the Father and the Life of Jesus may be in us*
- *We now become the Light of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to a world in darkness (Matt 5:14-16)*

Jesus made the Father known to a world that could not see Him – It is the purpose of the Holy Spirit to make Jesus known through us to those still in darkness

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*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory to
your Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:16)*