

# THE WORD

## THE PROLOGUE OF JOHN



We talked about the idea of a paradox where you have two seemingly incompatible truths, but that when you dig into it--you find that it is true. Our first paradox was that Genesis 1 says that God created the heavens and the earth, but John 1 tells us that all things were made through (Jesus.) Have you seen or had questions like this before? How do you handle questions you don't know the answer to (in your own life or when your kids ask?)

God's Word is true. It bears witness that Jesus is God. Which one of the Witnesses that were mentioned impacts you the most and why?

1. John the Baptist
2. The women at the tomb
3. Through Jesus' testimony of Himself (John 5:30-32)
4. Through Jesus' works (His miracles) (John 5:36)
5. Through the scriptures (John 5:37-40)

The Word became flesh. With all the frailty associated with humanity Jesus "tabernacled" among us. We can be so familiar with this idea that we don't stop and just MARVEL at this truth. Jesus did this so that we could see Him and be seen by Him! Pause and talk this over with your group (or spend time in prayer thanking Jesus for coming in the flesh.)

John 1:18 says, "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he (Jesus) has made him known." This set up our Second paradox: [1 Timothy 6:16](#) says that no one can see God and yet [Matthew 5:8](#) tells us that the pure in heart WILL see God.

If this was interesting/something you would want to dig into more go to [Desiringgod.org](http://Desiringgod.org) and look up episode 1005 entitled, "Can We Ever See God or Not?" (8 minutes in length)

What difference does it make to you today/this week that Jesus SEES you?

## Prayer Points

1. PRAY to have eyes to see God

Read John 8:55-59 The Word was with God--Jesus knew God!

But the Pharisees are so blind (by what they THINK they know), so deaf, so obtuse that they don't ask inquiring questions. They just make accusations. Are there any areas of your relationship with God where you might be making assumptions or where you have stopped trying to understand? Confess that and pray that God would help you SEE in a new way.

2. Ask for God to help you SEE others.

Who does God bring to mind that He could use you to help them feel seen, known, heard and loved?

3. Ask God to help you to bear witness of what God has done in your life.

Jesus came that we might be saved. Are saved? Do you have eternal life? If not, search the Scriptures and look for Jesus. He will be found!