



The B-I-B-L-E

Week four - "This is New"

John 1:1-14 and 14:5-11, and Matthew 5:17-48

Bottom line: To know Jesus is to know God - this is new and this is good news!

1. How would you describe the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?
2. How does it seem like God is different between the Old Testament and the New Testament?
3. Read John 1:1-14
 - a. Why do you think John starts his account of Jesus' life with the words, "In the beginning..."?
 - b. What do you think it means that "the Word was with God and the Word was God"?
 - c. What was the difference between John the Baptist's role and Jesus' role? (vv 6-9)
 - d. Why is it such a big deal that God came to dwell among us?
4. Jesus taught with authority and so much of what he said felt new and different to the people who were listening. Look at Matthew 5:17-48. How does Jesus connect what he is teaching to what they have heard before?
5. Why do you think some of the people were hesitant to believe Jesus was actually God? What makes it hard for us to believe Jesus is God?
6. Read John 14:5-11. What does knowing Jesus tell us about God? Said differently, how do we understand God differently because of everything Jesus said and Jesus did?
7. Are there specific things about God that Jesus makes more apparent or understandable?
8. How does Jesus change your desire or ability to believe in God?

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