

Seeing is Believing!

John 1:18, “No one has ever seen God, the unique one, who is himself God, is close to the Father’s heart, He (Jesus) has revealed God to us!

- **Jesus came to reveal the heart of the Father.**
- **Jesus came to show us how to get close to the Father.**
- **Jesus came to show us the difference He can make in a person’s life.**

John 20:30-31, “The disciples **saw** Jesus do many other miraculous **sings** in addition to the ones recorded in the book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that **by believing in him you will have life** by the power of his name.”

1. Jesus is God. John 1:1-12

- **The Word**
- **The word already existed:** Jesus is eternal
- **The word was with God:** Jesus is equal
- **The word was God:** Jesus is God!
- **Jesus is creator**
- **Jesus has a witness-** John the Baptist, **verse 23**
- **Jesus is the light of the world.**

How do we know? These are outrageous claims!

- **The Word, God became a man. Verse 14, “made His dwelling among us.”**
- **His Glory/ Power, Verse 14. 6 powerful signs**
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- **We have all received one blessing after another, Verse 16**

What difference does it make? John 1:10-13

Verse 12, Those who believe and accept Jesus, to them He gave the right to become the children of God.

- **What must we believe?** Jesus is the sinless, Son of God, who died for our sins, and rose again to give us eternal life.
 - o **Romans 10:9-11**
- **Who must we accept?**
 - o The eternal, self-existing, all wise, all-powerful God.
 - o He is our savior but He is also our King.
 - o When I accept Him, I accept his forgiveness and grace and His right to rule. That is hard. I have tried to obey Jesus and I just can’t.
- **What do we become? A child of God.**
- **Colossians 1:27**, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

How did John the Baptist see, what everyone else missed?

- o **He had no contact with a dead body (God wants my heart)**
- o **He had no contact with grapes. (God wants my desire)**
- o **He could not cut his hair (God wants my identity, my image)**

What is fasting? Fasting is choosing to not eat food for a period of time in order to redirect my hunger toward God.

1. **What do I fast?** When I fast, I abstain from food, and drink water.

2. **How long should I fast?** If you have a medical condition, you should ask your doctor about this. I am not giving you medical advice. I am giving you spiritual advice.