The Exceptional Jesus

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So let me ask you, If you were going to write a story of your life, where would you start? Would you start with the day you were born? Would you start with your parents? Would you start with your grandparents? Would you start with maybe a life event that was incredibly impactful and shaped the rest of your life? If you were going to write the story of your life, where would you start?

Well, John has wrote one of the four stories, four accounts of Jesus' life, and the starting point for that account is verses 1 to 18. This is the 10th and final message in those 18 verses. And the truths that are stated there, the ideas presented in John Chapter 1, we we walk through them slowly because what you have here, the opening of John 1 makes John Chapter 1, one of the Everest's of the Bible alongside Genesis 1, and Psalm 23, and Isaiah 53. In verse 1, John starts telling the story of Jesus, where the story actually starts, which is all the way in eternity past before creation when nothing existed but the Father, the Spirit, and the Son; the three persons of the Trinity. By being identified as the Word in verse 1, Jesus is the announcer of God. He says, "This is who God is, and this is what God wants." He reveals the God of creation to his creation. He does so perfectly. He fulfills his role as God's revealer, God's reporter, kind of God's press secretary. He does that job with excellence because, verse 1, He is God. So in order to give people who believe the right to become children of God in verse 12, what the Word does is he actually, what? Verse 14. He becomes flesh. He becomes one of us. He becomes human. The eternal God adds humanity to His deity in such a way that neither His humanity nor His divinity is diminished in any way. Truly human in every way that we are, yet without sin. Truly divine in every way that God is. This makes him this unique, special, one-of-a-kind God-man. In verse 17, isn't it good to know that this unique God-man is full of grace for people who are so good at being rebels against God's authority? He is full of truth for people swimming in a hurricane of lies and spin. This is who Jesus really is. And as John concludes this, this introduction to Jesus life, he makes this final statement in verse 14 that kind of ties a bow around everything that he said so far, so that we will take these truths into the rest of the story.

So let's look at verse 18 one more time. "No one has ever seen God;" That's on one side. On the other side, "the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known." All four phrases of verse 18 are driving us to a conclusion that John wants us to have before we enter the account of Jesus life. He wants us to take the first step into the real history of Jesus life with, with this truth on our mind. If we're going to summarize verse 18 in one phrase, it is this; Jesus is the Exceptional Jesus. He is exceptional. He is outside of the realm of the ordinary. He is unparalleled. He is unequal. There is no one to match him. Just as our sun outshines all stars, so Jesus outshines anyone who's ever walked the face of the earth. No one compares to Him. Words like outstanding, remarkable, even excellent actually demean just how exceptional Jesus is. You could spend a thousand lifetimes becoming an expert in the biographies of the very best human beings that have ever lived, but just like the sun, Jesus would outshine them all. Why? Well, the answer to that question begins in verse 18. Let's look at it again. "No one has ever seen God." Now in the Greek, it's very complicated, and it's it's kind of all jumbled. But, but the basic idea

of that is no one has ever seen God. It's actually very easy to understand. Not in the past, not in the present. Whenever there is a present, as long as it is a present, no one has ever seen God. Ever. God is hidden from us.

And if you're like me, you're thinking, wait a minute. What about those people in the Old Testament? Right? Like Moses who in Numbers 12:8 says he talked with God face-to-face as he beheld the form of God. Numbers 12:8. Where he beheld the what? The form of God. That kind of gives us a clue as to what people saw when they saw God. They didn't see Him as He actually is. They they saw His form. When Moses says, "Hey, God, I want to see your glory." Exodus 33. "I want to see you for all that you are. I want to see you in your greatness." God says to him, Exodus 33:20, "You cannot see my face for a man shall not see me and live." So what does God do? He says, "I'm just going to let you see my back. I'm going to pass by, and you're just going to get the very edge of my back so that you don't die." Isaiah, in Isaiah Chapter 6, says that he "saw the Lord seated on his throne." But then what he says is that I saw the "train of his robe." So if you've been to a wedding, the train is that that part, that that extended piece of fabric that that that is farther back than all the rest. That's what he saw. He saw the very back of God's robe. He doesn't see God; he sees the back of his robe. But that was enough for Isaiah to say, "You know what? I'm I'm done. I'm cursed, like I'm a sinner."

What about the people that saw Jesus? Didn't they see God? Well, technically, yes. But in the context, that word "God" has a definition in the context it's referring to a specific person of the Trinity. The God no one has ever seen is the Father. Just as the word "God" is used in this opening section in verse 1, 2, 6, 12, 14, and 18. When that word is used, it is primarily used for God. And we know that because what's the next phrase? "No one has ever seen God; but the only God, who's at the Father's side, has made him known. So no one has ever seen God, the father. That's what the first phrase, this first sentence in verse 18 means. And then Jesus picks up on this in case we missed it in John Chapter 6:46, he says, "Not that anyone has seen the Father except for me." So the point that John is going to make is going to become obvious why he starts this way in verse 18.

But we just need to pause for a second and make sure point **#1**) *that we Reject all claims about seeing God. Reject all claims about seeing God.* Past, present, future, reject every claim that you ever hear of somebody saying I saw God. That's never happened. That doesn't happen. This fact is indisputable. If a person truly saw God, they wouldn't live to tell you about it. And we don't see God or even God's form like people in the Old Testament because we're not Prophets. None of us are Old Testament Saints that God is saving the world through. So if you hear someone say that they saw God, I don't know, in a forest on a clear day. God showed up while they were shaving. God got into the taxi next to me and started talking to me. God took me to the stars on a spaceship. Can we just all reject that? Now you laugh, but the people that say this stuff and get followers are not atheists. The people that say this stuff, the people that follow people that say this stuff are people that know their Bibles. Not well, but just enough to be deceived. And I mean I feel kind of silly even talking about this. Right? But in a world where people believe a lot of silly things, can we just all embrace this truth right now? You don't see God. I don't see God. Crazy people leading religious movements who say they see God have not, do not, and will not ever see God. Why? Because the text is clear. "No one has ever seen God." Right?

God is in the words of I Timothy 1:17, "The king of age is immortal, invisible." Paul couldn't be clear when he says about God, Colossians 1:15, that "He is the invisible God." John will even repeat himself. I John 4:12. If you missed it here he'll say it again. "No one has ever seen God."

God is invisible. He's hidden from us. We cannot see him. This doesn't have to do with faith. Like, "if you just had enough faith brother, like you could see God like me, too. You know, If you had my anointing, if you, if you had my special connection like you could see God. But you don't because I have that, and you don't." Baloney. "No one has ever seen God" because he's invisible. Which means if someone says, "I've seen God," they're either mistaken or it's a case of mistaken identity. What do I mean by that? The Bible says, "no one has ever seen God." But someone says, "I've seen God," they're mistaken. Right? Because they contradict the Bible. So, they're wrong. Now, they either know that they're wrong, which makes them what? A liar. Or they don't know that they're wrong, which means they're either crazy or deceived.

A ton of religions, especially a bunch of new ones and one that started here in America are based on people saying they've seen God, interacted with God, God showed up, and there He was and He told me A, B, C, D, E, F, G. No, he didn't. Since verse 18 is true, they've never interacted with God at all. They're either crazy or it's a mistaken identity. What do I mean by that? It's people thinking they're talking to God when they're talking to entities that are lying about being God. So let's just take this to the most insane extreme. Okay? If aliens land on the White House lawn and little green men walk out and say, "We are your creators. We are your God." What should you automatically know in that moment? Lie. Why? "No one has ever seen God." This world would have far less heresy and false doctrine and error and lies if we would just embrace this one truth. "No one has ever seen God." If you ever hear anybody say that to you do not say, "Well, tell me more, please. Like I want to hear more about this. No, I'm getting out of here and I'm taking everybody I can with me. "No one has ever seen God." Now birthdays or Christmas. Do do you save the best gift for last like my parents did? That's what God is doing. No one has ever seen God because he's saving that gift for last. First, John 3:2. "Beloved, we are God's children now, in this, we are God's children now and what we will be has not yet appeared. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is." He is Spirit. We're physical, so we can't see him, but not forever. Yes, our sin has separated us from him expelling us from his presence, but not forever. Because of Jesus, we will see Him face-toface one day. And your loved ones, who've gone home before you, they would say, "Oh, but I have seen him. And just you wait until you get your turn." What a day that will be when faith becomes sight and we actually see him face-to-face.

Now, why does John make this the starting point of verse 18? It's because of what he says next. And "no one has ever seen God." If they had, they'd have true information about him. They'd be able to explain God, but nobody and has ever seen God. "The only God, who's at the Father's side, he's made him known."

Now I want to focus on the phrase "the only God." A ton of ink has been spilled on this phrase. And there are three questions about that phrase that I'm going to help us ask as we walk through this. So the ESV says "the only God." But if you have the King James, anybody have the King James in the room right now? Yours does not say only God, but it says what it says, "only Son."

So the first question we've got to ask is, did John originally write "Son" like the King James says, or does he originally write "God" as the ESV says? So we're going to go into a little bit of details you know that we normally don't do. We call these nerd moments, Bible nerd moments. We're going to nerd out a little bit. It's not going to hurt, I promise. But the reason I'm doing it is because you need to understand this text because there are groups out there that use this text to twist you into thinking that Jesus is not God and that the Bible doesn't teach that. So what I'm

going to do is tell you first off the ESV got it right. I think John originally did write God, and not Son and I'm going to give you five reasons for that right now.

The first is this; we don't have the original that John wrote. We have hundreds of copies, and at various at various levels, at various helpfulness, and the ones that are closest to the time of writing that John wrote, that John actually put pen to paper, the the best, the oldest copies of John that we have from 150 to 225 AD, they say, "God," not Son.

Second. The oldest translations of John into other languages. So not only did, was the original New Testament written in Greek, but very quickly people that spoke other languages were like, we got to take this and translate into another language. So whether it's Old Latin, Coptic, or Syriac, that was translated in the 100s and 200s AD and guess what? The oldest translations we have of John into other languages says, "God."

Third, many early church fathers, leaders during the first 200 years of Christianity, they write "God" when they quote this text. Men like Irenaeus, Clemon Origin, Eusebius. I know we don't name our kids those names anymore, but those are guys who defended Christianity; and when they quoted this text, they quoted "God." Now, in some of their quotes, they also quote "Son," which shows that this change or this kind this kind of a conflict within this text started really early.

Fourth, it is far easier to explain changing "only God" to "only Son" than the other way around. Why? Because that phrase "only Son" shows up a lot in the Bible. Like John 3:16. That's not just a famous verse for us. That's always been a famous verse in Christianity. "God's only Son, whosoever believes in him." Like that, that phrase, that idea shows up not just about Jesus, but even in in the narratives of like Luke Chapter 7 talks about a guy who's only son got sick or daughter who, his only daughter got sick. This idea of only, unique, special. Well, because "only Son" is what we would expect to read. It makes more sense that someone would accidentally write only Son instead of, nobody would accidentally write only God. It doesn't make sense. In other words, the more difficult reading "only God" was most likely the original because when you're copying things, like you you didn't do in high school, but you know, I did. When you're copying things, the mistakes that you make usually, usually can be explained because you made a mistake to make things more clear than less clear. And the idea, this "only God" idea, it's the only place in the Bible where this is found. So changing from "only God" to "only Son," that makes more sense than the other way around. And then finally, take a look at Chapter 1:1. What John does in verse 18 is he repeats what he says in verse 1. So he is tying a bow, like I said, around this whole section; and he does that by repeating himself.

So first, you have in verse 1, "In the beginning was the Word." This announcer of God, the one who reveals God. Well look at the end of verse 18. Jesus Christ has what? "Has made God known." So that idea begins and ends this section. Notice Chapter 1:1 says, "And the Word was with God." There's that closeness, that intimacy. Well, what does it say in verse 18? That Jesus Christ was "at the Father's side." There's that idea of closeness, intimacy, togetherness. So it would make sense that at this very, at the very end he would repeat what he said at the very beginning in verse 1. Well, what does he say about the "Word" in verse one? "The Word was" what? "God." So it makes sense in context if he's repeat self in verse 18 that John would write the "only God," not the only son. So all that being said, the oldest and best copies of John that we have, the earliest translations of John that we have into other languages, many church fathers, the

habits of scribes who copy the New Testament, and the context of John 1 itself, all come to the same conclusion: John, the author originally wrote "God" and not Son in verse 18.

Now second, You still good? Nerd moment? You know, you know, safe like you're good? Okay. Second, how should the phrase "only God" be translated? If you compare 10 different translations, you go to Bible Gateway later and I'm gonna, i'm gonna to look at 10 different translations of John 1:18, you might find 10 different readings of this verse in those 10 translations. So literally, the phrase "only God" should probably read something like the only Son who is God, or God the only Son. And I know that's confusing because I just said that John wrote "God" and not Son. But listen, the word "only" carries with it the idea of only son. You see, the word is only used in the New Testament to refer to a unique child. In the context of verse 18. That child, being talked about Jesus is a male child, a son. So Jesus is the unique, the special, the one of a kind, the one and only Son of God, the Father and this word is used of firstborns. All the first borns are like, yeah, of course we're unique. We're the best. But the idea is that you only have one first born. So there's a uniqueness there. It's also used of only children. They're unique because they're the only one. That's that's how this word is used in other parts of the Bible. So "only Son" is what the word "only" in the ESV, actually means. And the word "only" isn't an adjective, it's actually a title. Just like the word God is a title. So that's why I said, I think we should translate verse 18. Not the only God, but the only Son who is God. Because this is two titles for one person. Jesus is the only Son who is also God. So summary; Two Greek words in this phrase that we have here, "only God." The second word should be "God," not Son. The first word should be "only Son," not just "only." So Jesus is the only Son who is God. So again, did that nerd moment hurt at all? Does that make sense? Again I'm going to say why we did that in a second, but the point now is what does it mean?

Third question, what's the point? Like, so, we've got the text right and now we know how we should translate it. So what so what does this mean that he is the only son who is God? Well, he's one of a kind. He's exceptional. He's the only one in his class. And why is that? Answer verse 14. He's the God-man. Nobody else in that class. God, the father, God, the Spirit, they're not in that class. No human being is in that class. He is this very unique, one of a kind God-man. Truly human, truly God, no one like him.

So if Jesus is who he, If this is who Jesus really is, then point **#2**) *Be aware of attempts to diminish him. Be aware of attempts to diminish Jesus.* I go through that nerd moment. I weigh that every week. Do I go through that or no? Like I don't know. And what happens is that I come to conclusions based on, Hey, are there things that they need to be equipped for with these nerd moments? And this is one of those times. Because there are groups out there that love to attack this verse and twist you into thinking Jesus can't be the God-man. He's either, he is just a man, He is an angel, He is the first in highest creation. He became a God, but he's not God, he's not the eternal God. And John would never call him God. Not true. The attempts to remove Jesus from this exceptional place as the God-man are strong today. And they've been constant for 2000 years. So I want us to meditate for a second now. What does it mean that Jesus is exceptional? That he's one of a kind? Well his deity makes him one of a kind. Right? I mean no other human being on the planet can claim to be God like he did and that claim actually be true. Anyone else you ever hear say that you go, you're crazy. Jesus says, and it's true. Why? Because he rises from the dead which which justifies everything, he said.

Second, his humanity is one of a kind. No human being that has ever lived will have his closest friends say about him, "You know what's true about Jesus? Know what's true about Him? He has

no sin." There's not a single person on the planet that can be said of, except for him. His humanity is one of a kind. His birth was one of a kind. Virgin conception, angelic choir, miraculous star in the sky, fulfillment of a 700-year-old prophecy that said exactly where he would be born. Your kid is wonderful, but there is nothing even close to that. He's one of a kind. His life was one of a kind. And I'm not just talking about his miracles, his teachings, his deeds of love and mercy. It's easy to say his three short years not only changed the course of human history but changed tens of millions of lives and is still doing that right now. We don't call people to the teachings of Jesus. As Christians, we call people to the person of Jesus. We say, come to Him, come to Christ. Not come to his teachings, come to Him and then learn his teachings. That is different. Fifth, the death. His death was one of a kind. Yeah, people die unjustly and they die while being mocked and they die as martyrs for what they said. But no one when they die, the sun goes dark for three hours. No one dies as a substitute for sinners receiving every drop of God's wrath for sin. His resurrection was one of be kind, at least for now.

Everyone dies and stays dead. Jesus is alive and will stay that way forever. Never to die again. His grave is empty. No one stole his body. He didn't pass out on the cross and then wake up in the tomb and then proclaim that he was resurrected from the dead only to run away and hide in the cave and die in obscurity. He actually, physically, historically rose from the dead. That's one of a kind. In context here, verse 18. His status is God's Son is one of a kind. Verse 12 he he gives those "who believe in him the right to become children of God." But he can only do that because that's what he is by nature. See we believers in Jesus, we become God's children by adoption. He is God's Son by nature. That's unique. He is what God is, which makes him the one and only Son who is himself God. And John 5:18. Remember, the religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus because he had the audacity of saying I'm the Son of God. Because they understood the moment he said that he was saying, I'm not like any of you. I am equal with God. That is one of a kind.

So you and I should be aware, we should be on guard against anyone who diminishes Jesus by claiming anything less than that He is the God-man. Anything less is the case of mistaken identity. They've got the wrong guy, no matter how sincere, how kind, how nice, how smart, how well-spoken they seem to be. Any diminishment of Jesus leaves us with a Jesus that doesn't exist. Anything less than the God-man, the Virgin birth, a sinless life, substitutionary death, anything less than a physical historical resurrection, anything less is a diminishment of Jesus. So let's be on guard. Let's be aware of these diminishments and others like them. Let's help others be aware of embracing a diminished Jesus. Let's help our kids. Let's help our grandkids. Let's fill our thought, fill their thoughts with with these truths. I mean, even read the Bible to them or take the the the sermon notes and go, "hey kids, hey we're eating dinner, hey I just want I want to let you know that as Christians, we believe that Jesus is God. Just just want you to know that. So if you ever hear anything else, just understand it's not true." Jesus is truly God. God, every way that God is and he is truly human every way that we are yet without sin. That's the truth about Jesus. Why? So that then when they hear the counterfeit, they go, no, no, that's not true. That's not right. And that's why we slow down here and make sure that we understand this really well so that you will be able to say, you know what? I don't like the smell of that. That's not the Jesus that I know and we can help others do the same.

So why is it important that Jesus is the only son who is God? Because no one has ever seen God. God has hidden from us. But look at the rest of verse 18. God has never been hidden from Jesus, which gives Jesus something that we desperately need. Verse 18, "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side." So not only has he seen him, but he is close to him. The

one "who's at the Father's side, he has made him known." Jesus has always been and will ever, forever be "at the Father's side," which speaks of closeness, intimacy, relationship, love, trust, knowledge. Like that's what this this word means is this phrase. Being at his "Father's side" means the same thing as Jesus being with God in verses 1 and 2. Mutual love, respect, intimacy, knowledge of each other is what Jesus has always had with the Father, even when he was here and will always have. This this phrase is used in the Bible to to describe a mother with her child and a husband with his wife and two close friends interacting. One scholar put it like this. He said, "God reached into his chest and gave us his heart when he gave us Jesus." Which is key for what John says next, because there's this constant unparalleled intimacy that Jesus has with the Father, which puts him in the ideal, the perfect, the most useful place imaginable to explain God to us. That's why, that's why, John front loads all this. No one's ever seen God, but this special one, this Son who is God, who who has existed for all of eternity at the Father's side. That's the one that has told us about God, because Jesus knows God's best because he's closer to God than anyone else. He can not only speak about God, but everything he says about God is what? Fact. He reveals God. No spin, no bias, just straight truth. He exegete's, he explains God so that we can know him truly; so that we can know God as he really is. It's the same as calling Jesus the Word.

So He's exceptional because he has this exceptional kind of knowledge of God based on a relationship of closeness, beyond anything you and I could possibly imagine. And that that intimacy has existed for all eternity so that when he speaks about God, he's speaking about the subject he knows best. And since he never says a single thing that's even slightly off about God, we should, point #3) Dismiss any God talk that disagrees with Jesus. Dismiss, reject, put it out of your mind any talk about God that disagrees with what Jesus says about God. Anything said about God said by anybody, if it disagrees with Jesus should automatically be dismissed as false, untrue, incorrect and even deceitful. I mean, look at the verse right before verse 18. Another way that John puts it, makes this point clear is when he says verse 17, the "truth came through Jesus." What truth? Truth about God, truth about reality, truth about who God is and what God said and what God wants and what God is like. Truth about how to know God, truth about how to get to God, the truth that helps us understand what keeps us from God. All of that stuff Jesus explains. And no matter what he says about God, what he says is fact because no one knows God better. And he takes what he knows about God and doesn't say, "I'm just going to keep that out for myself because it's amazing." But he says, "Hey, I'm going to tell you about him, too." This is why he can say that he is the truth and no one comes to the father but through him. Right? Because he's the one that knows him. This is why Ephesians 4 21 says that the truth is in Jesus. Because he is at the Father's side he reveals God perfectly. Jesus came so that we would know God. There's no true knowledge of God that contradicts Jesus. Whatever Jesus says about God is true. Which means you and I, we really need to know the words of Jesus. Which really means we really need to know our Bibles. Everybody talking about God, ain't right. Only those who talk about God in a way that matches what Jesus said is right, are right. Which means we really know, need to know our Bibles well. I mean, if you aren't doing so already make sure that you are reading God's Word regularly, daily. Strong Christians, strong leaders in the church, in the home, in the marketplace are leaders who know God because they know God's word. So commit now or recommit a fresh to know God's word; study, memorize, read. If you're like, "oh, Bible reading plan. I don't know where I would start." Like on the back of your program, we put this week's Bible reading plan. So you can just follow that every week. I got my program. If you're not here, you can just download it online. We put it up there every week. You can download it.

And there it is. Bible reading plan. This is the passages. "If you're like, that's just a lot of reading. I don't like to read." Just start with the New Testament and just read those chapters every day. Why? So that you can identify false God talked, and so that you can help other people do the same. I mean, it's not like we live in a day where lies about God are just, gosh, I can't really find any. Are there any lies about God going around? Right? Not like we live in that day.

We live in a day when there're lies about God are more numerous today than ever before. And they're easier to disseminate than ever before. There's a battle going on in the world for our minds and our hearts and uh it's Jesus words. It's the words that we'll look at in John. Really the words of the whole Bible. These words will help you win the war in your life and the life of your family, and the life of the people you love most. And speaking of war 20 years, 20 years ago this weekend started another war. Another battle in our country that in many ways is still raging. Right? The war on terror. And a day like this, a weekend like this, we remember the 3000 people that died that day and they were attacked by an enemy that hated us and wanted us dead. Now while the way that those people died was obviously incomparable in US history, utterly, horrific and tragic. That those 3000 people died. That's not incomparable. Right? Everybody dies. Each person that died that day, while horrifically tragic, they were all in a race with death that each one of them was eventually going to lose. Just like you and me, by the way. Right? That people die is why Jesus came. No matter how we die, we can die as God's children. All who receive Jesus, who believe in his name, he gives the right to become and forever be children of God. So if you died today, would you die as a child of God or as a criminal against God. So only Jesus can release you from all your crimes because he was punished for them.

Only, he can make you God's child, so believe in him. And if those, for those of you who've already come to him who are already believe in his name. I hope for you. My hope for me is that our time in John so far and our continuing time in John, like Kyle said for the next 75 years, It won't be that I promise, But my hope is that it will not only ignite in us, but that it will help answer the prayer of this song that I close with.

The song is: "More love to the oh, Christ. More love to thee. Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea. More love oh Christ to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee. Once earthly joy I craved sought peace and rest. Now thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be more love oh Christ to thee. More love to thee, more love to thee. Then shall my latest breath whisper they praise. This be the parting cry my heart shall raise. Still, in that moment, still, all my prayer shall be. More love of Christ to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee." My hope is that our meditation, our time looking at the exceptional Christ has caused each of us, and no matter where we are with him, to be drawn to him and say, yes. More love to thee, more love to thee. Let's pray.

Jesus, as I often pray, I know everyone within the sound of my voice here and watching online. I know that we're all in different places with you. There are some that are far from you. There are some that love you with all of their hearts and want to love you more. And then all the rest of us are in the middle. So I pray that our time thinking about you, our time contrasting the truth about you with many of the errors that that are in our world. I pray that this hasn't been purely about information, but that there is a sense of adoration that has gripped us. That you are exceptional. There is no one like you. You are matchless, you are unparalleled. And because of that, we're drawn to you. Please, please, Jesus, draw each of us closer to you. As we sing of our love for you, it's in your name I pray. Amen.