See Yourself Here, Series# 2, Jesus Reveals God

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What you see is a complex mental construction of your own making, but you experience it passively as a direct representation of the world around you. You create your own reality, and you believe it.

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Perceive:—become aware or conscious of (something); come to realize or understand.

"The only thing worse than being born blind is having sight but no vision." Helen Kellar (PICTURE)

"They seem to know enough about Christianity to spoil their enjoyment of the world, and yet they do not know enough to feel happy about themselves... they see, and yet they do not see."

Martin Lloyd Jones

Prepared To See:

1. Fill The Valleys 2. Lower The Mountains 3. Confront Crookedness 4. Smooth The Rough Stuff

PICTURE+++++++

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Most knives caught one minute — 54 Distance Continuous Somersaulting — 12 M+ Distance Underwater Unicycle — 1.3 M Fastest Mile Walking On Shovels — 24Min 25Sec

John 1:17-18 "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has (Revealed nlt) declared Him." (Message) "made him plain as day."

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." A W Tozer You are not defined by what you do but, by what Jesus has done for you. Man's love is performance based. God's love is promise based.

John 1:29-34 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water..."

"...And John bore witness, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

He's Qualified To Qualify You!

1. He's A Man

F.F. Bruce "It is because man bears the image of his Creator that it was possible for the Son of man to become incarnate as man and in his humanity to display the glory of the invisible God."

He Had Relationships

Mark 3:21 "But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, 'He is out of His mind."

Mark 3:31 "Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him."

He Had Business

Mark 6:3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?' So they were offended at Him."

He Had Troubles

John 6:66 "From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more." John 19:27 "Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home."

2. He Is The Son Of God

Colossians 1:15-23

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the **preeminence**. **PROBABLY**A CHURCH HYMN 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister."

- 1. He's Perfectly God 2. He Is Absolutely First 3. He Is Eternal 4. He Is The Dynamic Sustainer
- 5. He's The Churches Priority 6. He's Qualified to Redeem 7. He Gloriously Reconciles
- 8. His Gospel Establishes Us

3. He Is The Lamb Of God — John was from priestly line ... inspected lambs ... they understood

Hebrews 9:7 "...not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins..."

Hebrews 9:12 "...but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

4. He Is The Baptizer "...this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." **DEFINED WHOLE MINISTRY!!!**John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; ... but if I depart, I will send Him to you. [to be in close fellowship with you]."

Luke1:49 (Message) "What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high."