

God Manifestation

God was manifested in the flesh
(Talk 2)

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God manifestation

- God is a God of **purpose** (Exodus 3:14)
- His purpose is to fill the earth with his **character** (Exodus 34:6-7)
- That character needs to be **lived** in people (Genesis 1-2)
- God reaches out 'to be who he will be'
 - Sent his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ
 - The Lord Jesus **Christ lived** the character of God

God Manifestation

- Yawheh – ‘I will be who I will be’
- God’s purpose is to fill the earth with his glory; his glorious character...
“merciful and **gracious**, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and **truth**, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*” (Exodus 34:6-7)

Exodus 34:	John 1:
6, abundant	14, 16 full of fullness
6, goodness, mercy	14, 16, 17 grace
6, truth	14, truth
33:18, glory	14, glory
5-6, proclaimed	18, declared

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God's Word

“So shall my **word** be that **goeth forth** out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.”

(Isaiah 55:11)

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- John 1:14 – the word
- John 1:43 – would go forth

Jesus' glory

“we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father...the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:14, 18)

Jesus' glory is God's glory

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“manifested forth his glory”

- Water into wine – a miracle
 - “the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works” (John 14:10)
- 6 stone pots – 6 disciples steeped in the law
- Water – word
- Filled to the brim – from above
- Wine – blood of the new covenant
 - Better than anything before

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New Covenant

- Isaiah 55 – a covenant of forgiveness
 - Promises to Abraham (Acts 3:25-26)
 - Sure mercies of David (Isaiah 55:3)
- Exodus 34:6-9
 - “If now I have found grace...pardon...”
- John 1:14 – Jesus was “full of grace and truth”
 - “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father”
(John 14:9)

Jesus manifesting God

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- **Miracles** of Jesus: the **power** of the Father
 - heal disease (John 9:3), forgive sin (Luke 5:21-26) and control the elements (Mark 4:41)
- **Teaching** of Jesus: the **wisdom** of the Father
 - With authority (Matthew 7:29), correcting error (Matthew 23:23) and demonstrating the holiness and righteousness of his Father (John 17)
- **Behaviour** of Jesus: the **character** of the Father
 - Always choosing God's will (John 4:34, Matthew 26:39), God's beloved Son, pleasing to Him (Luke 9:35, John 8:29)

God is...

- ...Merciful and gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth
- ...**Severe with sin** (Ex 34:7, Rom 11:22)
 - God gave the world over to vanity to show sin is wrong. Suffering in all forms proves that.

If we'll (of our own freewill) recognise sin and turn to God, seeing His ways as right, we have hope!

Jesus' special relationship with God

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- “morning by morning he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned” (Isaiah 50:4)
- “his delight [Heb. scent] shall be in the fear of the LORD” (RV) (Isaiah 11:3)
- “for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame” (Hebrews 12:2)
- “I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me” (John 5:30)
 - John 4:34, 6:38, 8:26, 10:18, 12:49-50, 14:30-31, 15:10

God manifestation

- **It's about God** (not us).
 - Jesus was always about his Father

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- Don't reject the word of God
 - It's not about us – our opinions/views/ideas
- Billions of Men saying what they think is right leads to chaos, anarchy, mayhem!
 - **No truth = no trust = breakdown**

Natural laws

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GRAVITY
IT'S NOT JUST A GOOD IDEA.
IT'S THE LAW

Natural laws & Moral laws

“God is the only unchanging reality in existence. God is the source of all. Reality exists in Him...He is sovereign over all and the sole arbiter of how and why things are, or what they should be. Whatever He says is right – His word, His laws, His commandments are truth.”

(Brother David Bailey, *The Power of Forgiveness*)

Jesus

- **Jesus believed God is truth. End of!**
 - Aged 12 – “I must be about my Father’s *business*” (Luke 2:49)
 - Aged 33 – ““I am in the Father and the Father in me” (John 14:10-11)

I am about my Father

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- John 1:14 – the **word**
- John 1:43 – would **go forth**
- John 17:3 – I have **finished/accomplished**

Jesus' sacrifice

- **Declared the righteousness of God**
 - Sin needs to die
- **Showed the character of God**
 - Perfect, uncompromising: severe with sin
 - Deep love (a desire to reach out): merciful and gracious, willing to forgive

“truly this man was the Son of God”