

Jesus: The Word

Ponder: What does God look like?

Scripture: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn. 1:14, NKJV).

A little girl was drawing a picture. Someone asked, "What are you drawing?" She replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God!" The querist objected, "But we don't know what God looks like." The little girl smiled and said, "We will when I'm done!"

What does God look like? Could you draw an accurate picture of Him? "God is spirit" (Jn. 4:24). We might imagine how a spirit looks, but we really don't know. That's why Jesus, the "Word," had to "become flesh."

I could bore you to tears with endless background about "the Word" (Gk. "logos"). Instead, let's cut to the chase. "Word" is the medium used to communicate an idea. We use spoken or written words to communicate our ideas. When God wanted to communicate Himself to humanity, He sent Jesus. "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9). No, Jesus isn't the Father. Jesus prayed to the Father; He wasn't praying to Himself! Jesus is the Father's "Word" (logos), the means the Father chose to communicate Himself to us. "In Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of Deity in bodily form" (Col. 2:9).

It wasn't Jesus' physical appearance that communicated what God is. Nothing about His physical appearance was particularly attractive (Isa. 53:2). He was so ordinary looking that the Sanhedrin figured their deputies would need Judas to point out who to arrest.

Jesus communicated God to the world by what He did and said. God is love (1 Jn. 4:8). To understand love, look at Jesus. The same goes for righteousness, holiness, and other attributes of God.

Let us strive to become Christ-like, thus being "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4). We won't become "little gods," but we will grow to be more like our Heavenly Father and our Elder Brother.

Hymn: "O To Be Like Thee"

Prayer: Father, thank You for revealing Yourself in Jesus. Help us to be like Him. In His name, Amen.