

God Deeply With Us

John 1:1-18

Fair Weather

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Proverbs 17:17
In adversity, where is God?

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Word = Jesus: the greatest being; God, creator of everything, Light

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John the Baptist: just a human pointing other humans to God

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Jesus gives **sonship of God** to those who believe

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The Word = the Son of God → Jesus

Became a human being:

Physical; Humility; Weakness and limitations; But NOT sin

Became, not just "put on flesh"

The Creator BECAME a part of His creation

Exodus 33:18, 21-23

God's glory is truly seen. But not yet fully seen

Exodus 34:6

Jesus' death: the fullest possible expression of grace and truth

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Jesus is greater than all humans

He brings the glory of God to us



The Big Idea

Our hope is the irreversible identification of God with humanity and with anyone who trusts in Him

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."
John 14:23

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:27-30

God is forever in the boat with us

Application

Do not be afraid, no matter the circumstances

"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have not faith?" Mark 4:38-41

Boldly obey

"And I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Be born of God

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What are the storms in your past, present, and future?
How do they affect you?
2. Think about being with the people in the boat in the storm. What do you normally imagine about God? Is He completely absent? Or a voice in the distance? Or a voice nearby? Or with you in the boat?
3. Jesus said of those who believe, "We (my Father and I) will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23) What does that mean? How does that affect you?
4. What step of obedience is God asking you to do? What difference does it make that Jesus is with you forever in that action?

Conversation starters with people in daily life, whether or not they are Christians

What gives you hope in the storms of life?