

Biography of God

John 1:18-28

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John 1:18

- Since No Human Being has Seen God, How was He Revealed to the World
- Through Jesus Christ
- The O.T. speaks of some men seeing God...this refers to the second member of the Godhead GIL
- “The only begotten”...He reveals his glory and image through Jesus Christ GIL
- “The words ‘only begotten’ indicates that none other bears with Christ a like relationship to God.” TFG
- “In the bosom of the Father” speaks to the Father & Son being the same in “essence” and “nature” GIL
- Jesus is the interpreter of the mind of God GIL
- Jesus provided the perfect introduction to the Father due to their “oneness” and “union” GEN

John 1:18 (Con't)

- “In the bosom of the Father--A remarkable expression, used only here, presupposing *the Son's conscious existence distinct from the Father, and expressing His immediate and most endeared access to, and absolute acquaintance with, Him.*” JFB
- “*Who is in the bosom of the Father.* Who bears the closest and tenderest relationship and fellowship as to the Father.” TFG
- “Who is in the bosom of the Father - The expression denotes the highest unity, and the most intimate knowledge.” WES
- He alone is able to introduce the Father JFB
- Jesus is the only way to have an introduction to and understanding of the Father
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- Our view of God is only through spiritual eyes. Jesus is the only one to give us that spiritual capability RWP

John 1:19-23

- How did John describe the “way” or the path of the Lord?
- **Straight**
- John is quoting from Isaiah 40:3: “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”
- John was the “voice” of the coming and present Gospel GIL
- John’s message was one of reform, repentance and submission GIL
- “Prepare the minds and hearts of the people that Christ may freely enter in.” TFG

John 1:19-23

- What three “instruments” do we see in these verses that God used to Introduce Himself to the World?
- Prophets-Elias & Esaias
- John the Baptist
- Jesus Christ
- Based on Malachi 4:5 the Jews believed that Elijah would appear before the Messiah. Jesus called John “Elias” in Matthew 11:14-His reference was to one like Elias, coming in the same spirit and source of power as Elias. GIL
- In Deut. 18:15, Moses foretells of a Prophet that will be raised up whom they should listen to: two schools of thought are:
 1. A continual line of prophets until Christ
 2. A prophecy of Jesus Christ
- God used the O.T. prophets up through John to prepare his people for the coming Messiah. GEN

John 1:24-28

- What do we learn about Christ from John's description?
- His greatness
- Christ is described as, "being not only of a more excellent nature, the Son of God, and of an higher extract, the Lord from heaven; but in an higher office, and having greater gifts, and the Spirit of God without measure on him." GIL
- Christ preceded John in rank of importance RWP
- John felt unworthy to loosen the latchet on Christ's sandal-this was the lowest of all servitude GIL
- John describes himself as unworthy to do the "meanest of service." MHC-CON