

JESUS COMES FOR US

John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:14-16

Write down some “grace and truth” glories that you have seen in your life because of your relationship to Jesus.

4. Read Philippians 2:5 – His mindset should be our mindset. What’s the point of Paul’s charge in this passage? What are some attitudes or circumstances that stand in the way of that mindset being a reality in our lives?
5. Finally, read Hebrews 4:15. What does Jesus’ empathy do for us? (Read Heb. 5:2 for additional input). In light of what we read about our mindset in Philippians 2, how does your attitude reflect that gentle mercy when you encounter those who are “ignorant or going astray?”

“The primary source of the appeal of Christianity is Jesus – his incarnation, his life, his crucifixion and his resurrection.”

Kenneth Scott Latourette

He comes to show (John 1:1-14)

His backstory is completely foreign to us. There’s no way we could discover it on our own.

His light takes us from estranged living to family relationship.

With a backstory so different than anything we have ever known, when he lived among us, he went

From sympathetic observation to empathetic participation

From distant lecturing to incarnational demonstration

From blurry images to clear pictures

He came to serve (Philippians 2:5-8)

It's not just about what he did, it's also about what he showed us by doing it.

He gave up the benefits of his deity for the liabilities of humanity.

He came to relate (Hebrews 4:14-16)

In coming, he showed us what success looks like.

In coming, he showed us what understanding looks like.

In coming he doesn't just come to where we are, he invites us to go to where he is.

Last Sunday Jim opened up a series on what Jesus does for us, specifically, that he comes for us. This concept of the incarnation of the Son of God in Jesus is incredible.

Getting to know you

Have you ever thought about what the throne room of God looks like? This isn't a theological test – just let your imagination run a little and describe what you think. Where is Jesus in the picture?

Digging deeper

1. John 1:1-5 speaks of the power and self-sufficiency of the Son of God. What do you see that points to this from these verses?

2. John 1:14 says the Word became flesh. Read through the following passages and note the specific weakness and emotions that Jesus was subject to (Matt 4:2; John 4:6; 19:28; John 11:33-35; 12:27; 13:21; Matt 8:10; 26:38; Mark 3:5; 6:6; 10:14; Luke 10:21; Hebrews 5:7).

In how many ways did he grow? Luke 2:52; Hebrews 5:8.

3. John 1:14 says that in spite of all of the frailties we beheld his glory. We often speak of the presence of Christ, and his future glory, but we don't think so much of his glory on earth. What are some "grace and truth" glories that led John to write this?