

**GOD
IS
JUST
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JESUS**

**A study series in revealing
the character of God**

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God Is Just Like Jesus-Revealing the Character of God

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“Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as
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Chapter 1 – The Compassion & Clean Anger of Jesus

I wanted to start the book looking at a combination of Jesus' Compassion and His fierceness. I think it is very important not to have a lopsided view of Jesus' character that leans predominately towards either His compassionate side excluding His intensity or that leans mostly towards His fierce side and excluding His compassion or tenderness. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have both these aspects married in perfect unity in the God-man to have a healthy view of God!

As you read the following passages keep in mind John 14:9:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know^[u] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? *Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.*" John 14:6-9

Keep process the thought, "How do I see God? What is my image of God?" Don't only look at what Jesus says, but look at how he relates to people. Underline, circle or put a square around key words and phrases that help you see Jesus' actions toward different people. As you focus on Jesus, be aware of the inconsistencies and who your view of God needs to shift for the better.

At a Glance

God is Just Like Jesus...

- Jesus' Compassion & Clean Anger
- Jesus' Compassion & Empathy
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- Jesus' Protection
- Jesus' Patience
- Jesus' Love: Followers & Failures
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Discovery Passage - Jesus with the Children

“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:13-16

“People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them...”

Luke 18:15-16

“Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” And He laid *His* hands on them and departed from there.”

Matt 19:13-15

“And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them,³⁷ “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me;...”

Mark 9:35-37

The first three passages describe the same event. The fourth passage describes a different event. Regardless, use them all. Describe the different reactions of Jesus to the various people. Describe how Jesus receives and touches the children. Is He aloof or engaged? What does He do? Is He distracted and busy or wonderfully present? How do you think the children felt being around Jesus? (Please use the margins for extra space)

Then consider how Jesus reacts to the disciples. Why do you think the disciples were trying to send the children away? How do you see Jesus relating to the children and

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children from being able to come to Jesus. Perhaps they thought Jesus was too busy? Maybe they thought the children were not important enough? Regardless of the reason this is a bad place to be, between Jesus and the people who want to be near Him! Jesus becomes *indignant* or *furious* with the disciples! They are trying to keep the little children from drawing near to Him and the Master has *clean anger* about this! Jesus *disciplines* His followers by commanding them not to block or hinder the little children from coming to Him! Now get this... He doesn't reject the disciples; instead He sees that it is time for correction so that they can change their actions and become better shepherds. It is time to grow!

Now let's consider Jesus' complete lack of rejection. Does He tell Peter that he screwed up and to get lost? Does He kick James or John of the inner leadership team? Does He quietly punish them with the silent treatment? No. No. No. Jesus brings correction without rejection. When you see there is no rejection in Jesus' actions, you can actually *delight* in His intensity to correct His followers. Why? Because His correction is good and it will protect and bless the community that is influenced and led by these leaders. The new church will need strong leaders but they will also need safe, non-controlling leaders! The church needs healthy shepherds, not abusive leaders. Jesus' *correction* and *discipline* brings greater health to these new leaders!

When I was in high school I had a coach who trained us to run cross country and track. I remember one track event where I was running as fast as I could trying to get under a 5 minute mile. Coach Greyhouse was passionately yelling at me from the sidelines, "Come on baby, you can do this!" I ran my heart out for my coach! I knew at that time that all the running, the weight training, the pain and discipline was to make me stronger and faster! It is the same thing with Jesus only more so. Jesus is the ultimate Coach! When you know your Coach cares about you like this, *you can fully embrace the correction and discipline and grow from it rather than give up and quit!* Your personal growth can be greatly accelerated when you know your Coach has your absolute best in mind! Every word He speaks is for your good growth *forever!* This is a clear picture of Jesus' *leadership* in the lives of His followers. Jesus' correction and discipline can come with intensity and fierceness, but it is for our good and the good of the community.

However, because of our experiences in life, our own sinful choices and our imperfect parenting we can misinterpret God discipline or correction. Use the margins to note the two negative responses to discipline you see in the Hebrews passage below and the one positive reason the Lord does it...

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Hebrews 12:5

The writer of Hebrews warns us not to take the Lord's discipline too lightly and blow Him off. But the writer also tells us to not get overwhelmed and quit. Avoid

both of these responses because you know that God’s motivation is nothing less than deep love for you! He wants to grow us up in goodness and that is going to bless all our relationships, family, children, friends and even the strangers around us. That is called “good fruit.”

Often we need to ask the Holy Spirit to bring clean understanding during our failures and sins. Often we mistakenly feel that God is accusing, shaming and rejecting us (that’s the devil’s voice) and later we find out that the Master has *not* been relating that way to us at all. We have merely been transposing those elements from the enemy, authority figures, bosses or our parents onto God. The Holy Spirit can help us understand Jesus’ work in our lives in a healthier way.

Take Away - God Is Just Like Jesus

John 14:9 “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” Jesus tenderness and compassion with the little children reveals the Father’s tenderness and compassion with the children of the world. Our Papa loves holding us and helping us! At the same time, Jesus’ clean anger to discipline His leaders makes them better shepherds. This reveals God’s correction to father us and make us more healthy leaders who don’t abuse the people but who care for them.

First Commandment Prayer

Jesus I love all these bible passages that say You reveal or make known the Father! Your compassion and tenderness with the little children warms and unlocks my heart to worship you! I love the combination of seeing your power and your tenderness! You can calm raging storms, drive out demons and raise the dead but you love to hold the little children and take them in your arms!

In times past I was always afraid of Your intensity or anger. I always saw some form of rejection. However, I delight to see that Your anger is clean and that it can bring correction without any rejection! You want to grow us up in goodness! This really makes me love you more. You are the definition of “healthy!” I love Your compassion and humility, but I am starting to love Your clean anger that leads to correction and maturity! You are amazing!

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Discovery Passage - Jesus, the Cripple Woman and the Synagogue Ruler

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.” The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Luke 13:10-17

Who are the main figures in this event? How does Jesus describe the woman’s suffering? Do you think she felt that Jesus understood her suffering? Why?

How is the ruler’s response to the woman different that Jesus’ response? How does Jesus respond to the ruler? Is He passive? Or not? Describe how you image Jesus’ body language, volume and tone.

Now tell me how you feel about both of Jesus’ reactions. Does one seem better than the other to you? Why or why not?

Thoughts on Jesus, the Cripple Woman and the Synagogue Ruler

Now, this is a truly delightful passage filled with Jesus’ intensity and passion! What character elements did you find? As with most passages you can find multiple character aspects of Jesus that inform you about God’s character.

Did you notice Jesus' description of the woman's suffering? He says she has been suffering for "eighteen long years" (Emphasis mine). To Jesus her pains were not "eighteen short years" but long years. Isn't it wonderful to see Jesus' *compassion* and His *empathy*? He is touched by her suffering and His emotions confirm that this is not God's desire. Jesus is not separated from her suffering but He can feel what she feels. Sometimes we think, "Jesus is perfect and powerful and has no bad feelings or weakness like we do. He can't understand my pains or why I cry." Oh friend, that is so untrue. Jesus is deeply touched by each person's struggles. Scripture says God has numbered all the hairs of your head (Lk 12:7). Since God knows each of your hairs by number, do you really think He doesn't know how you feel? Jesus reveals that He feels our pains and therefore, so does God! Don't forget that Jesus knows what it is like to have pains and be tired. John 4:6 says, "... Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well." Jesus knows what it is like to be human and can empathize with our tiredness and our outright suffering! Feeling her 18 years of suffering Jesus *compassionately* lays hands on her and heals her back!

In one way this is a strange passage. The woman is bent over and cannot stand up straight. Jesus declares she is healed and then He puts His hands on her. Instantly she straightens up and gets excited and starts talking about the amazing thing God did through Jesus! Strangely, the synagogue ruler is not happy at all. You would think he would be thrilled that this woman is radically healed. But no! He is hacked off that Jesus didn't do things right! The ruler condemns the healing because he sees it as "work", and therefore breaking the Sabbath. The commandment was meant to be a good thing bringing rest and peace to an agricultural people. In the Old Testament God commanded the people to rest on the Sabbath and not to do work like picking up firewood or cleaning the house or plowing the fields. The text says the ruler is "indignant." That word means angry, furious, boiling, incensed, irate, fuming. This guy is as angry as he can get, and he completely misses the fact that this woman has been healed! It is absolutely crazy! It is religious hatred for people based on rules and misinterpretation of the law. (See Romans 8 for Law vs Spirit)

By contrast the synagogue ruler isn't even concerned about the woman's suffering. He's concerned about keeping the rules. He doesn't care about how she feels! The ruler and Pharisees are furious and attack the people (and indirectly Jesus) for coming to be healed on the Sabbath. "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." How heartless! How vicious. Can you imagine someone finding fault with you or your mom or your child for getting healed at church? That is what is happening. What does Jesus do?

Jesus *fiercely* meets the Pharisees' attack head on, "You hypocrites!" (Notice the exclamation mark in the NIV text.) Jesus *calls out* the ruler and confronts him in public before everyone! Jesus isn't politically correct. He is honest. Remember, what is at stake is how everyone views God. Jesus doesn't back down. Jesus doesn't go passive and avoid the conflict. In fact, Jesus ramps it up and goes toe to toe with the guy: "Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of

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Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

If that is not work, how in the world can you accuse me of ‘working’ by healing this woman? It is complete hypocrisy!” (Paraphrase) Why does Jesus do this? Why is Jesus so *intense*? His Daddy’s reputation and the people’s souls are at stake!

Jesus calls out the ruler and the other Pharisees in the room and exposes them for sheer hypocrisy. There can be no greater condemnation for those claiming to be God’s representatives on earth but who despise God’s values and character in the very same moment!

Now note the next quote:

“When He said this, all his opponents were humiliated...”

Jesus is *fierce*. Jesus is *angry* but in a clean way.

Jesus demonstrates that anger can be good *if* we will use it constructively for healthy change rather than sin. We need to focus it and use it to protect someone. Anger over a justice issue can be used to break us out of apathy and tear us away from TV, internet, and Facebook so that we can protect someone. Sometimes we need clean anger to motivate us to do something and just us out of our apathy to help someone! Jesus reveals healthy anger and intensity!

Why do I say that Jesus is being intense or fierce here? Some might say, “Jesus is just being very calm but definitely drawing a line.” I disagree. If Jesus meets the ruler with anything less than equal force, everyone will think that He is backing down. And I guarantee, the woman will feel it! She will not feel fully protected. Have you ever seen someone step in to protect a child or an adult but they do it in a non-confrontational, bland, and calm sort of way? Inevitably, that child or adult walks away somewhat protected but still covered with shame and self-doubt. It is critical to meet the attacker with the confidence of authority and finality. It is also critical that all the people watching this unfold know that Jesus is strong enough to handle the fierce attacks of the Pharisees. Who is going to put their trust in Jesus’ radical claims to be the Messiah if He isn’t strong enough to handle every challenge? Jesus exhibits clean anger and absolutely *protects* the woman and the people’s understanding of what God is like!

Isn’t it interesting that Jesus’ *compassion* for the woman and *fierceness* towards the Pharisees are two sides of the same coin? Usually we think the two are unrelated. You have compassionate people and you have angry people. We think they are different groups. However, Jesus reveals that healthy compassion and healthy anger function *simultaneously* in mature people. In fact, it is Jesus’ deep compassion for the woman that motivates His radical fierceness!

The word *hypocrite* is a very, very strong word. It means to be a deceiver, a pretender or a liar... everything the Devil stands for. A hypocrite engages in evil activities in secret and yet publicly condemns other people for the same things. It is someone who pretends to be virtuous, good, kind, or religious but is in fact mean, corrupt, evil, and demonic. Many of the top leadership posts of Israel had been infiltrated by Satan's best people. Have you ever noticed that there are no demonic confrontations in John's gospel? John focuses is on the *human* agents motivated by Satan, the Pharisees (John 8), rather than pointing out the demons behind the attacks on Jesus. This is the group oppressing the people and corrupting their view of God. This is the group Jesus is dealing with. What is His response?

Let me overstate a fact. Jesus is *not* being passive. He is not being a sissy. Jesus can step into the biggest conflict and put His foot down, especially when it comes to *protecting* the weak. And that is exactly what is happening here. Jesus is protecting the cripple woman who got healed in a wonderful way. What if Jesus did nothing? What if He was passive? The woman would have walked away in shame after being attacked by the ruler. She might have thought, "Was it wrong that I was healed? Was I not supposed to get healed? Was God not the One helping me?" But Jesus prevents all this confusion by resisting the attack of the ruler! Jesus isn't afraid of exposing the man's *hardness of heart* and calls him out! In fact, Jesus protects the woman by clarifying the ruler's hypocrisy and basically says, "Hey, don't you do the work of untying your animals and giving them water on the Sabbath? How come that is *not* work, but healing this woman *is* work! You're out of your mind! Wise up and acknowledge that you are working on the Sabbath and also resisting this wonderful healing" Basically Jesus drops His shield of protection over this woman! It's delightful!

The people respond to Jesus' protection with nothing less than glorious delight! And you know that stirred up 1st commandment worship in their hearts to talk to God and tell Him how great He really is! They worshiped!

Take Away: God is Just Like Jesus

Hebrews 1:3 says, "*The Son is the ... the exact representation of His [God's] being...*" Jesus' ability to feel the depth of the woman's suffering reveals the fact that God can feel our suffering and wants to do something about it. Jesus' empathy reveals the Father's empathy. God's limitless power does not mean He cannot feel our struggles. It is exactly the opposite. The One who is most powerful also has the greatest ability to sense another's pain.

Jesus' fierceness and clean anger against the oppression of the synagogue ruler clearly shows God's fierceness and clean anger is against abusive leaders. Jesus' clean anger proves that God does not agree with the ruler but wants the people to come and be healed on any day of the week,

including the Sabbath. His clean anger demonstrates God’s care and concern for the people!

First Commandment Prayer

Jesus You revealed your deep empathy for regular hurting human beings. You can feel what we feel! I love that this touches your heart! I love that the length of her suffering weighted heavily on your heart! I am grateful God that you care deeply!

I have always been afraid of anger. I have known so many people to abuse anger and my own anger has spiraled out of control so many times. But I love to see Your clean anger. It is healing in a wonderful way! I love that you went toe-to-toe with the ruler and forced them to quit attacking the people! I didn’t know that anger could be clean and used to motivate protection for others. There are things I know I should stand up for but I thought I wasn’t supposed to get angry. You are showing me a better way! You are wonderful even in your fierceness!

DAY 3

Discovery Passage - Jesus Clears Out the Temple, Driving Out the Money Makers

And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11:11

So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.

Mark 11:15-18

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

Matthew 21:14-15

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” John 2:13-18

What is going on here? Why is Jesus acting like this? Think about what the temple was for. How was it being abused? What does Jesus do? Think about Jesus’ good character. Remember, He is 100% good, 100% of the time. What do you see in Him?

Do you see an action of compassion anywhere in these texts? If so where? What is He doing?

Combine and contrast these two character elements of Jesus. How do they complement each other? Would something be lost of either one were absent?

Thoughts on Jesus Clears Out the Temple, Driving Out the Money Makers

This is a truly amazing passage. It is now one of my favorite passages about this robust and stunning man named Jesus! Originally when I read this I was completely confused by what I saw Jesus doing. I thought He was crazy. However, Jesus always knows exactly what is going on below the surface of appearances and He always knows just what to do. The more deeply I have understood what is transpiring here,

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the more my heart has worshipped Jesus in all of His wisdom and intensity. I hope the same will be true for you, if it isn't already.

So what *is* going on here? Jesus walks into the temple and starts tearing the whole place apart. Because my image of God was completely twisted by my dad's unclean anger and rage, I imagined that I knew exactly what was occurring. I totally get this, I said to myself. Jesus is losing it! Jesus is having a complete melt-down about who-knows-what and is taking it out on all these innocent people!

Well, I couldn't have been more wrong. For one thing, Jesus is not having a knee-jerk reaction to something catching Him off guard. He is not seeing something for the first time and being overwhelmed by it. We know this because of the first passage that tells us Jesus walked into the temple and "looked around at all things" the night before. Jesus' clean anger in the temple was completely thought through and premeditated. He was not having a rash moment, nor does Jesus *ever* have a rash moment. He is the complete embodiment of the fruit of the spirit including the beautiful fruit of self-control.

Consider what Jesus pin points as the problem, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations"? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

There are two things here. First and foremost this temple is supposed to be a place for Israel and all the nations to come and find God, to find mercy for evil they have committed, to find help for their struggles and to find eternal life. In a word, the temple is there for worship! However, Jesus finds that making money has infiltrated the worship center.

Secondly, Jesus, talking to the Pharisees here, says that they have made the temple a 'den of thieves.' So, where is the robbery taking place? Well, ask yourself "what were the two areas that Jesus specifically attacked? (Write them in the margins before going on.) Jesus specifically targeted the money changers and the sellers of animals. Why?

Consider yourself an Israelite. How would you like to come to the central place in all Israel to worship and find help for your struggles only to find that the Priests running the temple were robbing you of your money? You would be furious and depressed! The devil had so infected the Pharisees that they permitted a system of extortion to grow up in the temple. They allowed greedy businessmen into the temple to setup the money changers tables and stalls to sell animals for sacrifices. The money changers took the everyday Jewish money used by the average person and changed it into temple money. However in the exchange process, more than likely, they were ripping the people off by putting up the exchange rate. For example, (this is a made up scenario) they might be taking \$35 of common money and changing it into only \$30 of temple money, making a \$5 profit. The animal sellers were possibly selling a lamb worth \$50 for \$60, making a \$10 profit. They were stealing from the people by their unfair rates. Now get this... who examines

the animals to make sure they are perfect according to the law and have no blemish or imperfection? The priest and Pharisees performed this review! If they found fault with your animal or bird, you *had* to buy their animals. It is very possible they were rejecting the animals the people brought from the countryside to force them to buy the more expensive animals. So who is behind this whole system of extortion the businessmen are running? Who is authorizing them to do business inside the temple? The priests and Pharisees, that’s who! Can you guess why? Because they lust for money! One of the main things Jesus exposes about the Pharisees is that they love money more than God. The main reason Jesus gives for driving all the businessmen out is that they were robbers and had created a “den of thieves.”

It also has to be said that these merchants should not have been selling their products *inside* the temple but should have been outside. The temple was for prayer to God. This is Jesus’ second reason for cleansing the temple. It has to do with the fact that money-making is driving out prayer and communion in the temple.

Jesus is *furious* that people who are struggling in life and are trying to find God in the temple are abused and ripped off as soon as they come in the door. Their hearts get shut down and they have a hard time connecting with God for salvation and for help!

Remember Jesus looking over the crowds of people in compassion and saying they were “like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matt 9:36) So Jesus attacks this whole system of extortion and robbery! He is *intense* and *furious*! Why? His compassion for the people unleashes His great fierceness and clean anger over the injustice and abuse of the people by the Pharisees.

Now let’s shift gears. What does Matt 21:14-15 say happens as soon as all the ruckus and intensity dies down and Jesus has restored the temple? What is the next thing that Jesus does? He swings around from justice and intensity to embrace the lame and the blind! He begins healing them all! He wheels the entire ship around and drives towards full blown compassion!

Right after Jesus purges the devil’s infection out of the temple (the Pharisees and money makers) He starts demonstrating what the temple is for! It is for knowledge of God (wholesome teaching) and for healing the sick, the lame, the blind and for drawing people to His Father. Compassion to draw people to God on every level is what the temple is for and He demonstrates it! The main event is not the justice issue but the temple functioning in the presence of the Lord for hurting humanity! He is radically wonderful!

Summary Take Away - God Is Just Like Jesus

John 1:18 “No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.” Jesus has made the Father known and visible. We don’t have to

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