

JESUS, “THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF THE FATHER,” HAS MADE GOD KNOWN

What was Jesus doing on earth? Making the Father known.

The Trinity is the best explanation to fit the data we find in Scripture. How's that? Because Scripture tells us both that the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the same, but also that they are different.

- Read John 1:1-3, 18, 10:30 and 14:9. Using these passages, describe the relationship between Jesus and the Father. What do we learn about the 'deity' of Father and Son? What is the same between them? What is different?

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- List several of God's attributes. (E.g. holy, loving, just, faithful, etc.)
- Read Numbers 23:19 and 2 Timothy 2:13. Is God able to act contrary to his character? No! This tells us that while God can do the impossible, he cannot act against his own nature.
- Read: 1 John 1:5, 4:8, Matthew 5:48, Deuteronomy 32:4
How do these passages reveal and reinforce the truth that God's attributes or character are intrinsic to his essential Being?
- Read Hebrews 13:8. How does this reassure us?

To have Jesus is to have all that is true of Jesus —life, love, mercy, truth, grace, etc.

- Read John 17:3 and 1 John 5:12. What do we get when we get Christ? And how is it obtained?
- Read John 1:16 together with the end of John 1:14. Read Colossians 1:19 and 2:9-10.
There is a fullness in God that he wants us to experience. In fact, both John and Paul write that we who have received Christ, have received this fullness. It's in the past tense. The fullness is given. Do we speak to ourselves in line with this declared truth — or do we listen to our own negative voice telling us we're empty and not enjoying fullness? How do we inhabit and abide in that fullness? (John 15 is about 'remaining in Christ' and may give some clues)