

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

God With All of Us

John 4:43-54

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**.
(He declared, revealed, demonstrated Him)

- He put Him on display. **How?**
- This whole book answers that question

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Last week we saw Him reveal Messiah/God personally to **a very unlikely person**

- The **Samaritan** woman at the well (**4:1-42**)
- Revealing to us all **He has not disqualified us** by human standards

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John 3:17, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

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He, Himself also came as a very unlikely person.
Why?

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Matthew 1:18-23, Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for **He will save His people from their sins.**"

Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**," which is translated, "**God with us.**"
(Isaiah 7:14)

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God came to be with us as a man, Jesus of Nazareth, born to a very obscure young woman for many reasons. Among them:

- To fulfill the prophesy of His coming – **Isaiah 7:14** (man had made Him distant & impersonal)
- To identify with us completely, created in His image & Likeness – **Genesis 1:26-27**
- To suffer as a man in our place, for our sins – **Hebrews 1:1-3 & 2:17**

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Propitiation = To make substitutionary sacrifice for reconciliation

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So... How is **John** going to reveal Jesus as Messiah/God next?

- Today we're going to conclude the second of five ways he goes about that

- 1) *The Incarnation of the Son of God (1:1-18)*
- 2) *The Presentation of the Son of God (1:19-4:54)*
- 3) *The Opposition to the Son of God (5:1-12-50)*
- 4) *The Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God (13:1-17:26)*
- 5) *The Crucifixion & Resurrection of the Son of God (18:1-21:25)*

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John 4:43-45, Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. For **Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country**. So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

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Matt 13:54-58, When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? **Is this not the carpenter's son?** Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? **Where then did this Man get all these things?**" So they were offended at Him.

But Jesus said to them, "**A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.**" Now He did not do many mighty works there **because of their unbelief**.

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In spite of seeing His miracles, they didn't believe in who He is!

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John 3:18, "**He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**"

- *Not believing who He is, is denying Him.*
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Vs. 46-47, So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was **a certain nobleman** whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he **heard that Jesus had come** out of Judea into Galilee, he **went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son**, for he was at the point of death.

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This nobleman may have been a family member of Herod Antipas

- *At least an office of Herod's court*

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Like Nicodemus, he was of the ruling class and believed in Jesus

- *Unlike Nicodemus he did not come to Him in secret*
- *He risked any adversity from coming to Him openly...*
- *Valuing the life of his son more than any cost of being identified with Jesus*

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We live in a culture that more openly rejects faith in Christ above all else

- *England & Canada have already criminalized publicly declaring God's Word*
- *Arresting people for praying or reading scripture in public places*

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Vs. 48, Then Jesus said to him, "**Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.**"

- *It appears He is speaking indirectly to the Galileans, rather than the pleading father*
 - *By contrast, **the Samaritans believed without seeing any miracles***
 - *He is giving His disciples something to ponder*
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Vs. 49, The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

- *He believes if Jesus would come to Capernaum from Cana He could heal his son*
- *He may have only seen, or heard of Him healing those who were present*

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Vs. 50, Jesus said to him, “**Go your way; your son lives.**” So **the man believed the word that Jesus spoke** to him, and **he went his way.**

- *Believing **who He is**, frees us to believe **what He says***

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Vs. 51-53, And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!” Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “**Your son lives.**” And **he himself believed, and his whole household.**

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John 20:29, Jesus said to him, “**Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”

- *Faith believes Him before we see any evidence.*

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John 17:20, “**I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who ^{at}will believe in Me through their word**”

- *Our testimony of faith has the power of His Word.*
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Romans 10:9-15, If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And **how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?** And how shall they hear without a preacher? And **how shall they preach unless they are sent?** As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

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John 20:21, So Jesus said to them again, “**Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**”

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Vs. 54, This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.