



## When God Shows Up

### **But was Jesus God?**

John 1:1-2:1-12, Genesis 28:12, Daniel 7:13-14

In just one chapter, we have seen Jesus called: Word, God, Creator, Light, One and Only God, Lamb of God, Son of God, Messiah, King of Israel, and then SON OF MAN and STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN.

## **The wedding crasher:**

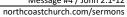
John 2:1-12, 10:10

- Jesus showed up when the party WAS DEAD, and their CEREMONIES had left them EMPTY.
- He started with what they HAD.
- He looked for a WILLINGNESS to OBEY the absurd,
- then added His EXTRA to their ORDINARY to make the EXTRAORDINARY,
- saving the best FOR LAST.

### How does God show up to us?

Matthew 7:21-29, 10:17-31, 1 John 2:3-6, 5:1-5

- God seems to always start with our REPLY to "Do WHATEVER He TELLS you."
- After all, He is GOD. Why would He show up under any other TITLE or ASSUMPTION?
- Our response to this separates DEMON faith from a DISCIPLE'S faith.





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## **Life Group Study Questions**

For the week of January 29, 2023

### **QUICK REVIEW**

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### **MY STORY**

- 1. Chris listed things Jesus has been called in the book of John so far. Is there a name of Jesus that stands out to you or is impactful for you to understand or remember who He is?
- 2. This weekend, we looked at Jesus' first sign in the book of John, in which He used His miraculous power to transform something in a way no one else could have done. Have you ever seen God do something in your life, big or small, that you couldn't do on your own?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

In the story this weekend, Mary instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them to do, which is a lesson we could all take to heart in our own faiths. Chris pointed out that faith is not just a prayer, but rather faith is a journey involving deepening steps of obedience that, in turn, lead to more faith. This week, we are going to look at the story of someone who could not bring himself to do the thing Jesus told him to do.

Read Mark 10:17-31 and write down anything you notice about what Jesus is asking of this man and how the man's response affected the outcome of his faith journey.

### Mark 10:17-31 New International Version (NIV)

to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother." <sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" <sup>29</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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| Is there anything someone shared in your group discussion this week that you want to remember? |  |  |  |  |  |
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