

The Seventh Collective

Is Anyone Actually There? · Week 3 of 3

He Has Explained Him

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KEY VERSE

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14 (NASB 1995)

SETTING THE SCENE

John opens his Gospel not with a birth narrative but with a theological prologue — an overture that names what the rest of the Gospel will demonstrate. He begins with the same words as Genesis 1: “in the beginning.” The Word who was already there before creation, through whom everything was made, who gave His name at the burning bush, has now stepped into His own creation. This is the third and final answer to the series question: is anyone actually there?

THE BIG IDEA

No one has seen God at any time — every previous disclosure was partial, mediated, seen from behind. The heavens declared. The burning bush named. The tabernacle housed. And still He narrows further: the Word becomes flesh and tabernacles among us. He has explained the Father. The answer to the series question is not a philosophical argument. It is a Person.

MY NOTES

Use this space however is most helpful — jot words, questions, anything that lands.

THE FOUR P'S — YOUR RESPONSE GUIDE

P POINT

Write it in one sentence — in your own words.

What is the main lesson from this passage?

P PERSON

Look for something about His character, heart, or action you might have missed.

What does this passage show us about Jesus or God that we may not have noticed before?

P PRAYER

Write a one-line prayer response to what you've heard.

What prayer rises from this text?

P PRACTICE

Be concrete. Not “be better” — what action, when, with whom?

What is one specific thing you will do differently this week?

GOING DEEPER — DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

■ HEAD

John says the darkness neither understood nor overcame the light — two failures at once. What is the difference between not understanding the light and actively resisting it? Where do you see both in the world around you?

■ HEART

Moses saw God's glory from behind, hidden in the rock. The disciples saw it face to face. What does it mean for you personally that the mediation is over — that the Word has become His own explanation?

■ HANDS

This week, read John 1:1–18 slowly, once. Sit longest with verse 14. Ask what it changes about every previous moment you've sensed God — in the sky, in a desolate place, in the text. He has been narrowing toward you the whole time.

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