

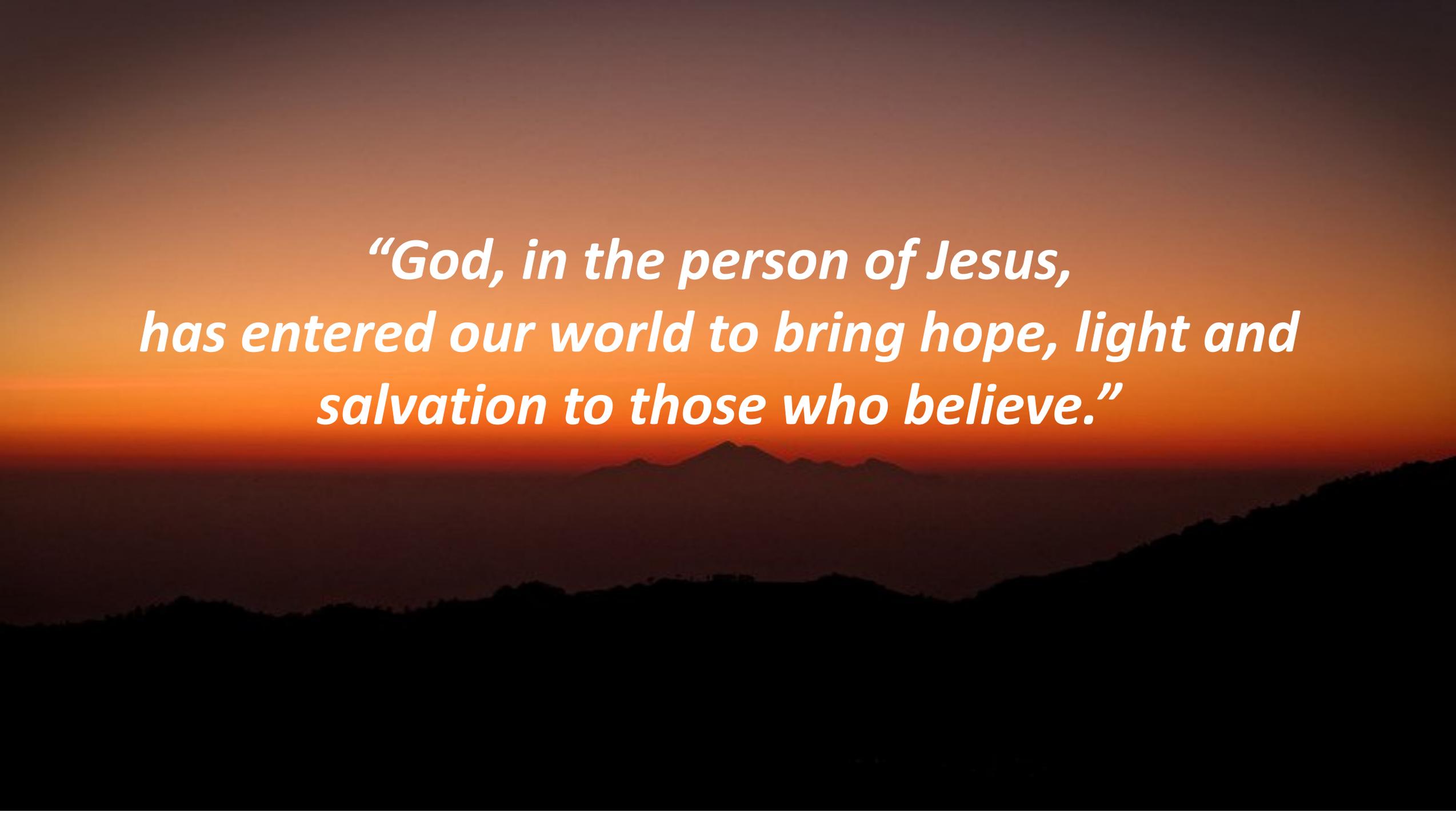


**That You Might Believe**  
**The Gospel of John**

**John 1:1-18**

# Introduction

- Matthew presents Jesus as the rightful king of the Jews that had been promised through the Old Testament prophets.
- Mark pictures Jesus as a suffering servant who came to pay the ransom price for sin.
- Luke describes Jesus as the promised one who came to save all mankind – both Jew and Gentile.
- John is going to present Jesus as the Son of God -- the One who left heaven to become a man.

A background image showing a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, transitioning to a darker blue at the top. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright horizon. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

*“God, in the person of Jesus,  
has entered our world to bring hope, light and  
salvation to those who believe.”*

## I. Jesus is the Word (v.1-8)

*“The prologue to John is not about a message that offers hope, but about The Message that is the only hope. It is not about an idea, but a person.” Gary Burge*

Word (Jesus) was God (v.1)

Word (Jesus) was with God (v.1b)

Jesus revealed in creation (v.3)

*“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether throne or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Colossians 1:16,17*

Jesus is life and light (v.4,5)

Jesus revealed through John the Baptist (v.6-8)

## **II. Jesus is the Incarnate Word (v.9-14)**

Jesus is not only GOD, but he is GOD made flesh!

Jesus as the Word is described in two different ways: 1) Word was God (v.1) and 2) Word became flesh (v.14).

Jesus is the visible expression and manifestation of God for us.

### III. Jesus is the Superior Word (v.15-18)

#### Jesus is Superior to John the Baptist

John the Baptist solved the problem by **acknowledging the pre-existence of Christ** in the last phrase “because he was before me.”

v.16 – *“For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”*

One thing is very clear **we are immersed in His grace.**

v.17 – *“For from the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*

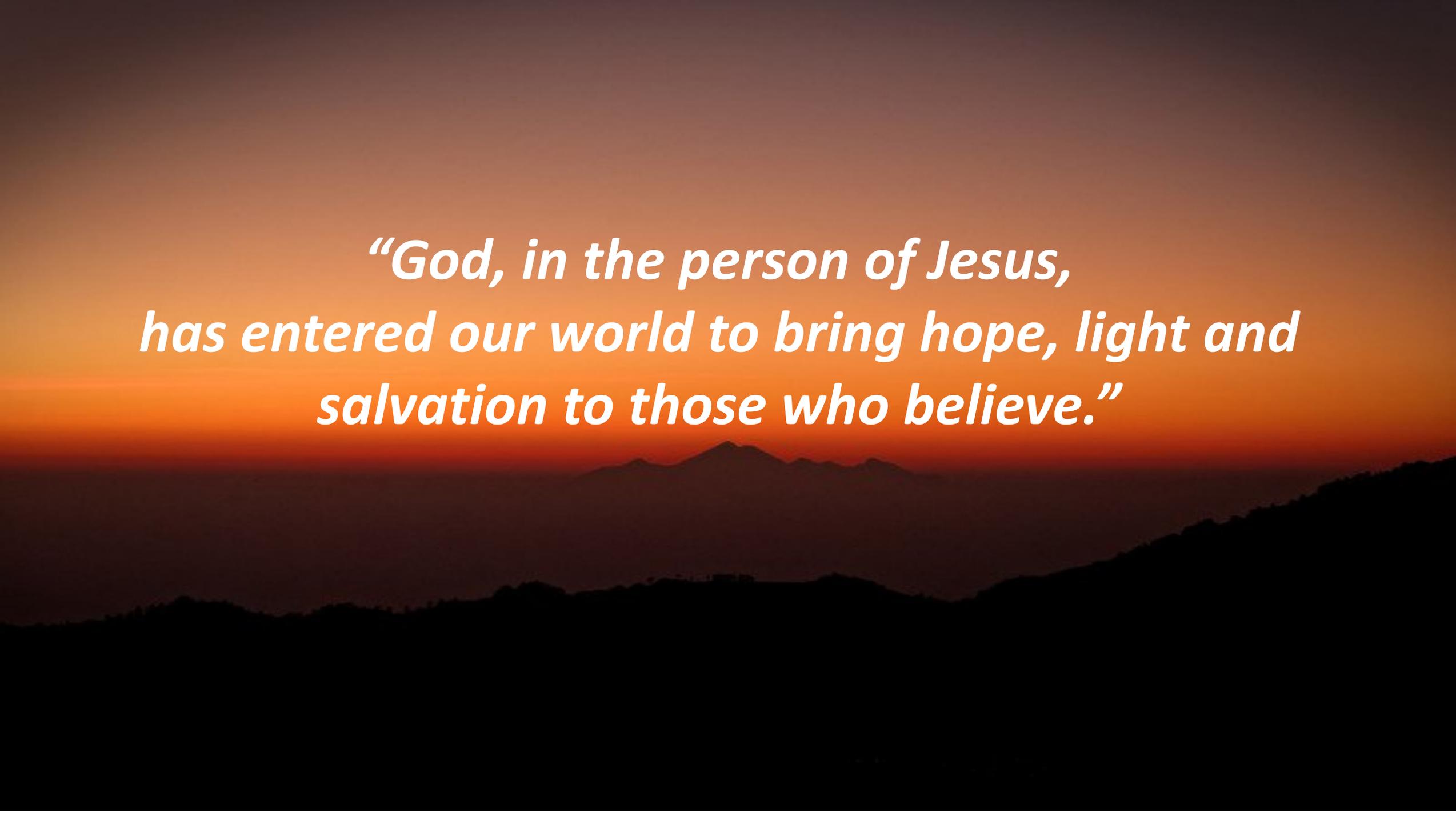
## **Jesus is Superior to Moses and the Law**

The process that was begun by the law was completed in Jesus Christ.

v.18 – *“No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”*

*“John declares that the incarnate Word made him known (exēgēsato). From this Greek term we derive ‘exegetis’: we might almost say that Jesus is the exegetis of God.” DA Carson*

**Jesus the incarnate Word explains the Father to us!**



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