



**To Communicate and Demonstrate  
John 1:14; 14:1-22; 1:18  
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**The Bottom Line:** Jesus lived and taught in order to reveal the truth about the Father; to find and understand God, look to Jesus.

**Introduction:**

One of the unique things Christians believe is *God became one of us*.

John, an eyewitness, who believed and then disbelieved ... then wasn't sure what he believed ... Then was exiled by Emperor Domitian to Patmos, where he had a long time to think about what he believed.

John was banished for what he believed because of what he saw.

John 1:14 (NASB), "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, glory as one of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Jesus came as one of us, but he was treated as less than one of us. Why did he bother coming at all?

The Sunday school answer is he came to die for us, but there's more to it.

The answer lies in what Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, and Peter believed. There are three reasons we will look at in this series. The first one we'll discover in a conversation between Jesus and the 12.

They had just celebrated Passover. Jesus announces one will betray him, and he is leaving them soon, and they can't go with him. Peter says, "I'm going with you. I'll die for you." Jesus says, "no, you won't." There is so

much tension in the room. Then Jesus smiles and says ...

John 14:1-11 (NIV84), “Do not let your hearts be **troubled**. Trust in **God**; trust also in **me**. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would’ve told you. **I am going there** to prepare a place for you. And if I **go** and prepare a place for you, I will **come back and take you** to be with me that you also may be **where** I am. You know the **way** to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the **way**?” Jesus answered, “I am the **way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through **me**. If you really **know me**, you would **know my Father** as well. From now on, you do know him and have **seen him**.” Philip said, “Lord, **show us the Father** and that will be **enough** for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you **know me**, Philip, even after I have been **among** you such a long time? Anyone who has **seen me** has **seen the Father**. How can you say, ‘**Show us the Father**’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are **not just my own**. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”

This brings us to the first reason why God became one of us:

To **communicate** and **demonstrate** what God is like.

Jesus didn’t claim to **Have** the best explanation of God.

Jesus claimed to **Be** the best explanation of God.

**Jesus lived among us to show us what God is like.**

We all want to know. We all look somewhere.

We look to understand God in all the wrong places.

- We look in our **circumstances**.
- We look to our **religious traditions**.
- We look **within**.
- We look to **nature**.

We find hints and clues in all those places.

But in Jesus, we find a **demonstration**.

John 1:18 (NIV84), “No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known

*[he has explained him (NASB)].”*

Why God Became One of Us: to **communicate** and **demonstrate** what God is like.

If you look past Jesus, you will miss him.

If you look in some other direction, you will miss him.

You won’t find him out there.

You won’t find him in here.

### **Conclusion:**

While it’s true Jesus came to die for our sins ... he lived his life to explain the Father. The father wants to be known ... like any father wants to be known.

God was one of us and be thankful. We don’t have to depend upon our ability to interpret our circumstances or sort through our ever-changing emotions.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Memorize: John 1:1; 14**
- Read the Gospels**
- Answer, “What do we learn about the Father from the Son?”**
- Join Us Next Week for Part 2– Like Son, Like Father**