

## **GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN THREE WAYS**

**Isaiah 7:14     Matthew 1:23**

**Introduction:** Ah, a mystery, a "who done it, " just about everybody loves a good mystery. The greatest mystery man will ever wonder about is not about some crime but a quiet birth. Why in the world would the Creator of this world ever want to enter His own creation in the same image of the people He created? It's absolutely impossible for any human being to grasp the greatness of the God of creation.

A picture from someone might reveal some things about that person but then if that person sent a detailed letter describing thoughts, ideas, hopes, then more would be know. Ah, but if that person came to visit for a while and walked and talked and even lived in the same place, then even more could be learned about that person and perhaps even understanding of that person could happen.

### **I. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN HIS CREATION**

1. The world and the heavens are like pictures from an artist.
  - The way in which the world operates, the wisdom, order, logic behind its behavior.
    - The seasons of the year, the snow, the rain, the cold, the heat, the wind.
  - The varieties of life from microscopic to the gigantic whale. Life that crawls, that swims, that flies, that walks. Life that needs air, life that needs water. Life that squeeks, life that chirps, life that barks, life that is silent, life that makes sounds.
  - The beauty of the heavens. The moon and stars at night, the sun at day, the blue of the sky, the greens of the trees and fields, the colors of the seas, the beauty of the flowers, the colors of the rainbow.
  - All human life looks around and declares "... what a wonderful world..." (as a great American singer once described it named Louie Armstrong.)
  - For someone to declare that all this just happened is to be ignorant of the Creator.

### **II. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN HIS SPOKEN AND WRITTEN WORD**

1. God spoke to men and women through the ages in various ways, sometimes from a cloud, sometimes sounding like thunder, sometimes through a dream, sometimes through an angel and those words were remembered and passed on from generation to generation.
  - God's thoughts, purposes, deeds were recorded during a 1600 year period by over 40 people and their record is called the "Bible."
2. Within the pages of the Bible, God has revealed Himself, His very heart in various ways.
  - God would use special men called "prophets" to whom He would speak and they in turn would speak to God's people the message from God.
  - God spoke to women also at various times.
3. More about what God thinks and wants of man is found in the Bible than in what one can find in the beautiful world and universe God created, however.

### **III. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN HUMAN FLESH AND WAS/IS CALLED JESUS**

1. God revealed to the first couple in the garden of Eden that one day He would visit His creation in the flesh, and He did just that and was called "Jesus."
2. God would want to remind everyone that the birth of Jesus was not the beginning of Jesus. For He always was, is and shall ever be.
3. God visited His creation in visible, human form, named/called "Jesus, the Christ."
4. "Emmanuel" meaning "God with us" is the exact description of who the tiny baby later called "Jesus" was/is.
5. What better way for the creator of the universe and mankind to make Himself known than to become one of those very beings He wants to really get to know Him?

### **IV. GOD IS A PERSON WHO COMMUNICATES WITH PEOPLE**

1. Totally unbelievable and unacceptable for some that such a thing could/would ever happen for the one responsible for man's existence and all that man sees and knows would care to come "in person" to visit His creation, but it's true.
2. God is real, living, not the figment/creation of some dreamy person's mind.  
- Given some thought, it would seem fit that the creator of man would want to communicate with His supreme creation, knowing each single individual completely.

### **V. GOD MADE MAN IN HIS OWN "IMAGE" TO COMMUNICATE WITH**

1. No doubt God all living things obey the commands of God, as Jesus showed that many times, when even the winds obeyed His command.
2. God, however, instilled within man something the rest of the living things did not have and that was a "spirit." A means of actually "being like God" and thus communicating mind to mind, heart to heart, with God.
3. God also gave man something called a "soul" which was to help guide man in being able to think, plan, remember, and make "moral" choices.

### **VI. GOD MADE MAN CAPABLE OF HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM**

1. From the very beginning of God and man, in the very first place God put man, the garden of Eden, God visited and fellowshiped with that first couple. He knew them and they knew Him. Every day they had time together.
2. Thus within the heart of every human being there is a place that belongs only to God for God put it there when He made the first human being.
3. Man was made by God to have fellowship with and God wants that fellowship.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Every generation of man has worshipped something or someone.
2. There will be no "peace" found for man in any religion, only when fellowship with God is restored will that person ever have lasting peace.
3. God came in the flesh and was called "Jesus" for the purpose of showing man who He was and how much He cared for every person and what every person had to do to regain that fellowship with God, his/her creator.
4. One can look up and see the hand of God in the beauty of the heavens, one can also look around the world and see the beauty of the earth, and with the Bible, one can see God within it's pages, but with Jesus, one can see God in the flesh.