

A God Who Reveals Mysteries

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. ... (10) He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. ... (14) The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:1-3, 10, 14 (HCSB)

John begins his gospel with the mystery¹ of the Trinity. One member of the Trinity, the Son, is here called the Word. At the beginning of time this Word was both “with God” and “was God.” How can the Word be “with God,” meaning being distinct from God, while also being God? That is a mystery which God reveals to us, and which we humbly accept as reality. We say God is one being in three persons, yet that really does not help us comprehend this mystery.

Genesis 1:1 reads, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Here God begins to reveal another mystery: How he created the universe and everything there is in it. Adam and Eve would not have known the world was only days old, unless God had revealed it to them. We know from many Scriptures that all three members of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) were active in creating the universe. In John 1, we see that “all things were created through” the Son, here called the “Word.”

Verse 10 tells the sad truth about the Creator who made heaven and earth: He was right here with us, yet we did not recognize him as our Creator or as our Savior. In Romans chapter 1 verse 18 and following, God reveals that our sinful nature rejects the Creator God and replaces him with false gods. Thank God he has brought us to faith, where now as Christians we trust God for both our earthly and our heavenly life.

Finally, in verse 14 God reveals that this Word is the Son, who “became flesh and took up residence among us.” Jesus is Immanuel² (meaning “God with us”), fully God and fully human. The dual nature of Christ (God and man) is another mystery which God reveals and we accept through faith.

Our Creator God is our Savior God. A God who is full of grace, that undeserved love for every person in the entire world. A God who is full of truth. A God who reveals mysteries to us.

We Pray

Dear Jesus: We praise you for creating us. You are God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. You are full of grace and truth. Your love for all people of this world is beyond understanding. We praise you for being the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

-MSB

¹ Here “mystery” refers to something hidden until God reveals it to us.

² Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.”