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Lesson #2
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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**
John 20:30-31

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John 1:1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and **the Word was with God**, and **the Word was God.**

John 1:1 In the beginning was **God**, and **God was with the Word**, and **God was the Word.**

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Words, DNA & Nucleotides



Adenine (A), Thymine (T),
Guanine (G) and Cytosine (C)

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ATTCCGGAA
TGGCAAATTTT
CGTACGTACGTA
AGCTTAAACCTAT
TTGCAACCCITAA
GGGGCAATCC
CTGACTGA
AGCTGCATTCC
GTTTAAACCCTAT
TTTGCAATTACG
ATTCCGGAA
TGGCAAATTTT
CGTACGTACGTA
AGCTTAAACCTAT
TTGCAACCCITAA
GGGGCAATCC
CTGACTGA
AGCTGCATTCC
GTTTAAACCCTAT
TTTGCAATTACG

Think of the combinations on the left as lines of code in a computer program. Change the arrangements of the nucleotides and you alter the cell.

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DNA gives us clues as to the power and complexity words. God communicates to mankind through Jesus, the Living Word – and Jesus is the described as **“the”** Word. He is God’s highest form of communication to a lost world.

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Warning – Warning – Warning
Rabbit Trails Ahead
(lots of them)

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- John 1:1 and John 1:14 combine to deliver one of the most profound truths in all of history.
- **John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- **John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

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- This profound truth, that God would become a man, would be scandalous but for the fact that it's true!
- There are no Old Testament writings that even hint at what God was planning without the benefit of living after the cross.
- All through the Old Testament the law of God would seem to point to a rigorous, repetitive, and violent, system of quid pro quo.

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- The truth of God’s plan, even when played out in the theater of the real, was so revolutionary that it was difficult to fathom.
- The OT system seemed to be one of odd, but understandable justice – that all sin must be redeemed (compensated for) with blood.
- The “Law” provided a picture of what God would do but not very clearly without the benefit of the New Testament.

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The New is in the Old
concealed while the Old is in
the New revealed.

Saint Augustine

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Yes, there is a plethora of Old Testament scripture that sheds all sorts of light on God’s redemption plan, but it is “glass darkly” territory until Jesus lives out “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”.

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- The necessity of God himself visiting earth to redeem his people is only clear to us in the light of New Testament teaching.
- We almost take for granted the incarnation of Jesus as though we actually knew what had to be done, **“of course that was the only way to save mankind”**.
- But in real time no one on earth would have imagined the **“incarnation”** and **“substitutionary atonement”**.

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- **Incarnation** - the term that refers to the supernatural act of the triune God, whereby the eternal, divine Son, from the Father, by the agency of the Spirit, took into union with himself a complete human nature including a human body, apart from sin. As a result, the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forevermore exists as one person in two natures, our only Lord and Savior. (TGC)

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- It is the incarnation that gives validity to the idea that part of Jesus’ sacrifice is the surrender of his omnipresence.
- After his resurrection, the body of Jesus was the same, but different – he was touchable and recognizable, yet profoundly different.
- Two times in John chapter 20 Jesus suddenly appeared to his disciples when they were indoors with the doors locked.

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- John 20:19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, **the doors being locked** where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood among them** and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- John 20:26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. **Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them** and said, "Peace be with you."

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- John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father".
- If he had to ascend to the Father to offer his blood on heaven's Mercy Seat, does that not presume he was not omnipresent.
- Acts 1:11 "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (not a temporary condition)

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- Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 **who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body**, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.
- Do you see it? We will receive a body like the body Jesus had after the resurrection – this will happen at the Rapture.

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• 1st Cor 15:49 **There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies**, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another..... 51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed**, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed**. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

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If true, that Jesus gave up his omnipresence to satisfy God's wrath against us, then _____?
It makes his offering all the more glorious because the sacrifice is all the more generous!

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Now if you tell your friends that Jesus is not omnipresent they will laugh at you and think you a heretic! However, after seeing what I just showed you, it seems heretical to me to claim he is omnipresent unless we express it this way –
God is omnipresent, Jesus is God, so in that sense Jesus is still omnipresent, but the glorified body of Jesus is not.

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