

ADVENT: Why Jesus Came – 1B

The First Week of Advent > Why Did Jesus Come



An iceberg visibly **displays only 10%** of its size; **90% is hidden**. That's exactly the way it is for personal relationships. From that which is visible you may perhaps know 10% of the person. That which is hidden (90%) you can't know unless and until a person **REVEALS** her inner being. Thus, without **revelation** an intimate relationship is impossible.

> **A main theme of scripture is that the Creator deeply desires intimacy with His children.** <

"I'll move in and live with the Israelites. They'll realize that I am their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that I could live with them." (Exodus 29:14)

*"I heard a loud voice shout from the throne: **God's home** is now with his people. He will **live with them**, and **they will be his own**. Yes, God will **make his home** among his people." (Revelation 21:3)*

> **Jesus became intimate with us to reveal God as Father** <

*"The Word (of God) became a man and **lived among us**." (John*

1:14)

*“No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is **very close to [by the side of; close to the heart of; in the bosom of] the Father, and he has shown us what God is like [made him known.]**” (John 1:18)*

**> Jesus is the full expression of the Father’s heart
relative to us <**

*“The Son **perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God’s nature.** (Hebrews 1:3)*

*“Christ is **the visible expression** of the invisible God.”
(Colossians 1:15)*

*“God **in all his fullness** was pleased **to live in Christ.**”
(Colossians 1:19)*

*“It is in Christ that God gives **a full and complete expression of himself.**” (Colossians 2:9)*

> Jesus is the only way to understand God <

*“Jesus answered, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The only way to the Father is through me.”** (John 14:6)*



“What do I want to know about God? I want to know what God is like in character.

So Jesus makes known the character of God,
makes it known in the only possible way God’s character can
can be known,
namely through another character – Jesus’ own.”

(E. Stanley Jones – *The Word Become Flesh*)