

Jacob's Well

Lesson Title: The Revelations of Jesus—Father



Key Concept: This series of lessons explores various revelations of the one true God of Israel in the person of Jesus. This lesson examines the revelation of Jesus as Father who is eternal, transcendent, and unlimited.



Scriptures:

²⁸ Have you never heard?
Have you never understood?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of all the earth.
He never grows weak or weary.
No one can measure the depths of his understanding.
(Isaiah 40:28 *New Living Translation*)

¹⁵ The high and lofty one who lives in eternity,
the Holy One, says this:
“I live in the high and holy place
with those whose spirits are contrite and humble.
I restore the crushed spirit of the humble
and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.”
(Isaiah 57:15 *New Living Translation*)

¹⁷ O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!
(Jeremiah 32:17 *New Living Translation*)

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.
(John 1:18 *New Living Translation*)

Context Scriptures: Genesis 1; Psalm 147:5; Proverbs 15:3; John 10:30; 14:6–9

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Jesus declares to his disciples that he and his father are one and that when they see him, they see the father (John 10:30; 14:6–9). It is from this revelation that the gospel writer declares in the prologue that Jesus—the unique One—has revealed God to us (John 1:1–18). Who is this God whom Jesus calls father and claims to be the visible revelation of?

The passages from the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah declare this God to be the Lord and Creator of the heavens and the earth. As the Father (and Mother) of all creation, he is eternal, transcendent, and unlimited. He is strong and mighty without weakness or weariness. His knowledge cannot be measured and thus has no limitation. Nothing is too hard for him because he is all-powerful. His home is beyond the created world in an existence that is beyond time.

Because of his eternal, transcendent, and unlimited being, we the creation are unable to know or understand him without revelation. But, as the God for whom nothing is too hard, he miraculously descended from his transcendent, timeless abode into his created, limited world and revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus. Through Jesus, the invisible God becomes visible and the Father reveals himself as the Son—the Word who created the world made flesh (Colossians 1:15–16; John 1:1–5, 14).

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1) What does it mean to you that the father of all creation created and revealed himself in the human person of Jesus?
- 2) What would you think of a father who sent his son to die for others in his place? What would you think of a father who came to die for his children?
- 3) What are some ways that Jesus acts like a father?
- 4) What does it mean to you that God is your father?

Next Lesson: Mother

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Notes and Reflections

- 1) Read through the Gospel of John and pause for reflection at each of the passages where God is spoken of as Father. Who is calling him Father? What does the passage add to your understanding of God as Father?
- 2) As you read through the Gospel of John, does Jesus act like a Father and if so, how?
- 3) Finally, how does the Gospel of John present Jesus as the Father?

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Notes and Reflections, cont.