

Colossians 1:15-28

Seeing the invisible God

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Read this week's passage:



Colossians 15:8 says God is the head and the Church is the body. Can you draw an image or write a poem about this?

WALK

Take a walk around your local area. Where do you see God around you?



FIND

Look up 'images of Christ' and 'images of God' on internet search engines, and consider which you like and don't like, and why.

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Living Scripture

'He is the image of the invisible God.' Colossians 1:15

Who is the most powerful person you can think of? If they came to your home, would there be bodyguards, an entourage, photographers, crowds?

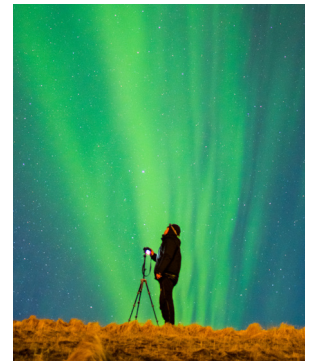
In one of Paul's richest reflections on the coming of Jesus, he talks about the crucified Christ as the invisible God made visible. Paul tells his first hearers that true authority and power are not found in the might of the Roman Caesar, but in the humility and suffering of Jesus.

Jesus had all authority and power, and yet he laid it down to become human to bring peace between God and humanity. Jesus came to show us what God is like, and it's unexpected. Though God is powerful, we meet a humble, servant hearted, relationship-oriented God in Jesus. Paul goes on to say that when he shares about Christ, he also is humble, suffers, and prioritises relationship so that others can meet God.

Our culture values prestige, fame and wealth. We might not flaunt it, but we definitely try to hold on to it. Instead, Jesus models humility, service and suffering for the sake of others. He gives up his power to reach us. We may not feel powerful, but our choices can show the world what Jesus is like. Does your service, leadership, and treatment of others, point them to the invisible God made visible through Christ and his people?

First impressions

- Have you used digital photography to help you see something more clearly?
- What helps you to see and know God?
- Where in nature do you see God?



Pray

Lord Jesus,
you help us to see God.
This week, open our eyes to seeing you
in the world around us
and the people we meet. Amen.



WATCH

Watch *The Prince of Egypt* [PG]. Notice how the invisible God becomes visible at different points in the film, e.g. through the burning bush, the Angel of Death, through his messenger Moses, etc.