

Dear all,

Sunday's Study Service is a bible study on JOHN 1.19-2.25.

The key point in the prologue is that the eternal Word in the heart of God has become flesh, taking our very humanity, that in it, as man, at our level, he might make the Father known to us by word & action. As God himself, Son of the Father, he alone knows God as God knows God: as man, he reveals God in human speech and action in such a way that to see and know him IS to see and know the Father.

John's central point is that to look into the face of Jesus IS to look into the face of the God the Father and know exactly what he is like. As Luther & Barth have put it "I [we] know no God but the man Jesus". And because the Word who is the life of the world is now man, Jesus is now that LIFE in our very humanity. Thus the risen humanity of Jesus in heaven is now our very life and the very bread with which we are fed in word and sacrament.

The questions for us as we study John 1.19 - 2.25 are:

1. What points John has chosen to be an outline summary in chapter one of the main points of his gospel?
2. In chapter two, why does John choose to begin the body of his gospel with the miracle at Cana and the cleansing of the temple in Jerusalem? What is their significance?

Preparatory reading: John 1 and 2

7-8.30 by Zoom meet (details on request)

Best wishes - Bob