

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“Is God Jesus?”

Introduction

Happy New Year! As we launch into 2023, we are excited to be starting a new series that will walk us through the life of Jesus this year. Based on the book *Quest 52* by Mark Moore, our sermons this year will follow along with the devotionals in the book. Our hope is that as a church family we will learn to live and love like Jesus better than ever before in 2023. These discussion guides will supplement *Quest 52*, though they will also be easy to follow if you decide to not use *Quest 52* this year. Either way, we are excited to see what God does in your life and the lives of your group members.

- How do you feel about New Year’s resolutions? Do you have any for 2023?

Seek the Word

Read John 1:1-18.

- How does this passage help us understand God’s character?
- What is the relationship between God and Jesus?
- From verses 16-17, what is the significance of Jesus coming to earth?
- What does this passage tell us about God’s plans and timing?

Go Deeper

Using your Bible, look into the Old Testament at 3-4 different prophecies of Jesus. See if you can pinpoint where Jesus fulfills these prophecies in the New Testament. A concordance or the free Blue Letter Bible website may be helpful.

Talk About It

- In what ways has Jesus been speaking to you about your current relationship with Him?
- What types of disruption have you experienced in relationships?
- If your life seems to be in a rut, how did you get there? What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a rut?
- How can you be an example of God’s love to your friends/family this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus is the exact image of the invisible God.

Challenge: Create an inventory of your current spiritual life. Take notice of how often you pray, read your Bible, your close relationships, how well you are able to trust God, etc. Then, write out

a few ways you plan to strengthen your spiritual life this year, as well as a few steps you may take to reach your goals.