

Lecture 21: Jesus, the Apostle of God

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Apostle – an official representative sent to speak the **word** of the sender in the **name** of the sender

Illus. The Apostle of Mom

The Gospel of John

“In the beginning *was* the Word...” (1:1).

“And the Word *became* flesh...” (1:14).

“No one has seen God at any time;

the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has *explained* Him” (1:18).

Jesus is the Translation of God to us in human terms!

“If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father” (14:9).

How?

“Truly, truly, I say to you,
the Son can do nothing of Himself,
unless it is something He sees the Father doing;
for whatever the Father does,
these things the Son also does in like manner.”

—John 5:19

Jesus only spoke the Father’s words.

Jesus only did the Father’s works.

Limited, yet coextensive with God!

Therefore, Jesus perfectly reveals God.

Conclusion: *Jesus is...*

True Man – *the Image of God*

True Revelation – *the Word of God*

True God – *the Son of God*

Illus. “Alexamenos worships God” (cf. 20:28).

The Apostles of Jesus

“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” (16:12).

The Spirit of Truth will...

“teach you all things” (14:26)

“guide you into all the truth” (16:13)

“bring to your remembrance all that I said to you” (14:26)

“disclose to you what is to come” (16:13)

“testify about Me” (15:26)

Conclusion: The New Testament is the continuation of Jesus’ teaching.

We cannot isolate the red letters as Jesus’ only words, as if He had no apostles!

Two Groups of Apostles

