

In John, to truly know means to see with the light of Jesus' *revelation and salvation*.

A. LIGHT TO SEE 1:18

Our inability to see the invisible God (5:37) **'No-one has ever seen God but the one and is overcome by Jesus' incarnation (1:1,14). *only Son has made him known.***' (John 1:18)

a. To **'see'** in John means to ***recognize - perceive - understand - know - believe.***

1:29 **Look**, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (also 1:35)

1:32 **I saw** the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

20:8 **He saw and believed.** **20:18** Mary Magdalene went to the disciples: **'I have seen the Lord.'**

b. To **'not see'** in John means ***to not know or understand, to reject, to not believe.***

5:37 'The Father sent me...***You have never heard his voice nor seen his form*** nor does his word dwell in you ***for you do not believe the one he sent.***' **7:32-33** **'You will look for me but will not find me.'** **9:39-40** **The blind will see and those who see will be blind...*'What? Are we blind too?'***

B. COME AND SEE 1:35-51

Five disciples (Andrew, Peter, John, Phillip and Nathanael) see Jesus.

1:36 When he saw Jesus passing by he said, 'Look, the **Lamb of God!**' They saw Jesus answering the human problem of sin, guilt, death & judgment through his sacrifice.

1:38 **'Rabbi'** (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' They saw Jesus as the answer to the human quest for Torah wisdom, knowledge & learning by his teaching.

1:41 Andrew said, 'We have found the **Messiah** (the Christ).' They saw Jesus as the answer to the human hope for deliverance by securing their future as Israel's Savior.

1:45 Philip said: 'We have found **the one Moses wrote about in the Law and about whom the prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph.**' They saw Jesus as the answer to the human yearning for meaning and purpose through Scriptural fulfillment.

1:49 'Rabbi, you are the **Son of God; you are the king of Israel.**' They saw Jesus as the answer to the human need for life lived under God's kind, good and divine authority.

1:51 Jesus said, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see **'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on 'the Son of Man.'** They saw Jesus answering our cosmic loneliness by him bridging our separation from God to restore fellowship with Father.

C. JESUS SEES ME 1:46-48

Jesus **saw** Nathanael...'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' **'How do you know me?'** Nathanael asked. **'I saw you** while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

Jesus knows us. He is fully aware of who we are and of all that is happening in our life. Having seen Jesus by coming, believing and following - we tell others about him! (1:41)