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PART 5: FROM THE CRADLE TO THE CROSS —

“HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE?”

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1. Jesus is the _____ revelation of the _____ Father.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

-Colossians 1:15

“If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

-John 14:7

The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, by sustaining all things by his powerful word.

-Hebrews 1:3a

2. Jesus shows us God’s _____.

“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

-Luke 15:7

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

-Luke 15:22-24

3. Jesus shows us God’s _____.

Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

-John 8:10-11

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

-Matthew 9:36

4. Jesus's _____ shows us what God is like.

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."
-John 13:14-15

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!
-Philippians 2:8

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
-Matthew 26:42

5. Jesus provides the _____ to know God.

... "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."
-John 14:6

How could Jesus make this exclusive claim? Because He was God!

Questions for Reflection:

1. Would you say you "know" God? Would you consider God a friend?
2. How can "knowing" Jesus help you to know God?
3. If you know God, are you "showing" His love to others?

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
-1 John 4:12