

Jesus, the True Light: God's Interaction with Man

John 1:6-13

Exodus 33:20

■ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

Take Hold of the Light

- Listen to His messenger (John 1:6-8)

Matthew 11:2-3

■ And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

Matthew 11:4-6

■ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: "*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

John 5:33-35

■ "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

Matthew 11:11

■ "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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Micah 6:8

■ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly, To love mercy, And to
walk humbly with your God?

Isaiah 53:3-4

■ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

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- Enjoy a unique relationship (John 1:12-13)

1 John 3:1

■ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

John 3:3

■ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 John 4:9

- In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

Synonymous terms describing man's positive response to the Light

- Believe (John 1:7, 12)
- Receive (John 1:11; *paralambanō*) – welcome, accept, take to oneself
- Receive (John 1:12; *lambanō*) – take hold of, grasp, take into possession

Results of Believing

- The right to become the children of God (John 1:12) – experiencing a special relationship
- Being born of God (John 1:13) – spiritual transformation, regeneration

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