

Message – John 1A

The Visit

- John 1:14-18 “So the Word (Jesus) became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of grace and truth. We have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. We have all benefited from the rich blessings he brought to us — one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But his only Son, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart; he has told us about Him.”

- In the first days of this earth it was a paradise with the tree of life growing in the middle of it. People would eat of it and live forever. In those days God walked with people in garden earth. The first people walked away from God to try being a god themselves with disastrous results for themselves, their descendants and the good earth. Jesus told the story of the son who left his father and came home to illustrate that. However, we are the masterpiece of creation – children of God—beloved. **So God the Son pays our world a visit to make it possible for us to be recreated, reborn, restored and our world along with it.** The result of his visit is that the Bible ends as it began with God walking the recreated earth and skies.

- *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... Look the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will remove all their sorrows, and there will be no more death, or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever. And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making all things new!’” Revelation 21:1-5*

- “Is it possible that this man (Jesus) was mad--or evil? I don’t think it is. The man is just what He said, not a lunatic or something worse. He was and is God. God has landed on this enemy occupied world in human form.” –
C.S. Lewis

- 1:1-5 “In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God and he was God. He was in the beginning with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn’t make. Life itself was in him, and this life gives light to everyone. The light shines through the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”