



### Life Words

#### *Jesus is the Same Today* (Revelation 1)

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**BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus' love – personally, presently and experientially – is our highest calling, privilege and pleasure.**

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- A passage from Scripture that God impresses on you to bring encouragement, guidance or correction over a long period of time, or even a lifetime.

#### 1. Jesus who “was” – even from before his birth on earth.

- o John the Baptist gave a hint in John 1.
- o Jesus told the Pharisees he was there with Abraham.
- o Jesus speaks plainly to the disciples in the upper room.

#### 2. Jesus who “is” - marveling at Jesus

- o Ruler - His authority
- o Healer - His compassion
- o Teacher - His wisdom
- o Shepherd - His graciousness
- o Friend - His acceptance
- o Redeemer – His humble sacrifice

#### 3. The beauty of Jesus

- If love makes someone beautiful, then perfect love makes someone indescribably beautiful. That is Jesus. Jesus was the physical incarnation of perfect love.

#### 4. Knowing and proclaiming Jesus' excellencies

- He loves us today in the same ways he loved those he encountered when he walked the earth.
  - o Leadership, provision, wisdom and guidance
  - o Healing, deliverance, salvation
  - o Discipline and correction
  - o Kindness and friendship
- How do we walk in that love?
  - o Ask him (Ephesians 1:17, 3:14-21).
  - o Connect with him in the pages of scripture, reading it interactively.
  - o Do it with others.
  - o Making space to listen. Trust and obey. Be patient and persevering.

#### Next step question:

- How can I grow in a personal, daily experience of Jesus' perfect love for me?

#### For further study/reflection this week:

1. Read John 1, Colossians 1 and Hebrews 1 and identify everything you can about Jesus.
2. Reflect over how these relate to the needs, desires, challenges and callings of your life today?
3. Use Ephesians 1:17 and 3:14-21 as the basis for a daily prayer, asking for wisdom and revelation to know Jesus better, and to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, for you personally, today.
4. Think and pray about how this knowledge can affect how you talk to people about Jesus.