



Series Summary: For three years, he was one of Jesus' best friends. He watched him in his best and worst moments. After Jesus left earth, he was left with one inescapable conclusion about Jesus' identity. He sat down and wrote what he had seen and heard. His account has been handed down for generations as one of the finest first-hand accounts of Jesus' life. This spring, we'll read 11 of his stories about Jesus, and you may find yourself changed by what you hear.

Sermon summary: We are often curious about famous people. What are they really like? There's an entire industry that snaps their pictures and tells their stories. Many of us have the same curiosity about God. Some think he's elusive and distant, others think he's harsh and angry, others think he's personal and loving. Who is right? Let's learn about the true heart of God from one of Jesus' closest friends.

Big Idea: The more you know Jesus, the more you know the heart of God.

Icebreaker: *What's your favorite part of a power outage?*

Discussion:

1. Why are there so many different views and misconceptions about God?
2. If your best friend wrote a book about your life, how similar would the opening be to John's opening about Jesus in John 1?
3. What did you learn from John 1? What jumped out at you from the message?
4. When are you at your worst and what does it look like? How is it possible that John saw Jesus at his worst and still was able to write this chapter about him?
5. What about the nature of Jesus was unique from other humans?
6. What about Jesus' character is uncommon in our world today?
7. What do you learn about God's heart from Jesus?
8. How will you get closer to Jesus, and thus closer to God's heart, to become the person those around you need?

Bonus Reading: [The Jesus I Never Knew](#) by Philip Yancey. This book will reveal a different Jesus than you may have learned about in Sunday School.

Know: Jesus revealed God's heart

Be: Close to Jesus and experience God

Do: Draw near to God by embracing Jesus