

# The Mystery of Christ

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**I Corinthians 1:24** – “Christ... the power of God and the wisdom of God!”

## I. Learning to live with Mystery

- a. **Reading # 1**
- b. Mystery: Definition - something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain: a religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as beyond human understanding:
- c. “Too big for me...”
- d. **Romans 1:16-17** - Faith is living with the mystery
- e. One of the Christian truths we are going to have to be content with is that God is bigger than us. He is bigger than our ability to comprehend Him. If we insist on understanding God... that God explain to us everything that He is or does and that it makes sense to us before we believe in Him, we will never come to faith in Him. It is not that God doesn't want us to understand. It is that we are asking to be God! **Isaiah 55:8-9**

## II. The Mystery of Christianity

- a. “The greatest mystery of Christianity isn't that God loves us; nearly every religion would tell you that much. The greatest mystery is that God actually became one of us.”
- b. **I Timothy 3:16** – “
  - i. “Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh...” NKJ
  - ii. “He who was revealed in the flesh...” NASB
  - iii. “... the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh...” NIV
  - iv. “... this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in human body...” NLT
  - v. **Reading #2** (conundrum = difficult or confusing to understand)
- c. The Word became Flesh – **John 1:1-5, 14**

## III. The Mystery that reveals

- a. “I don't name you, you name me. I don't understand you, you understand me. And the paradox of this love is that you uncover me as you unveil yourself...”
- b. **Isaiah 6:1-8**
- c. **Revelation 1:9-18**
- d. **Reading # 3**