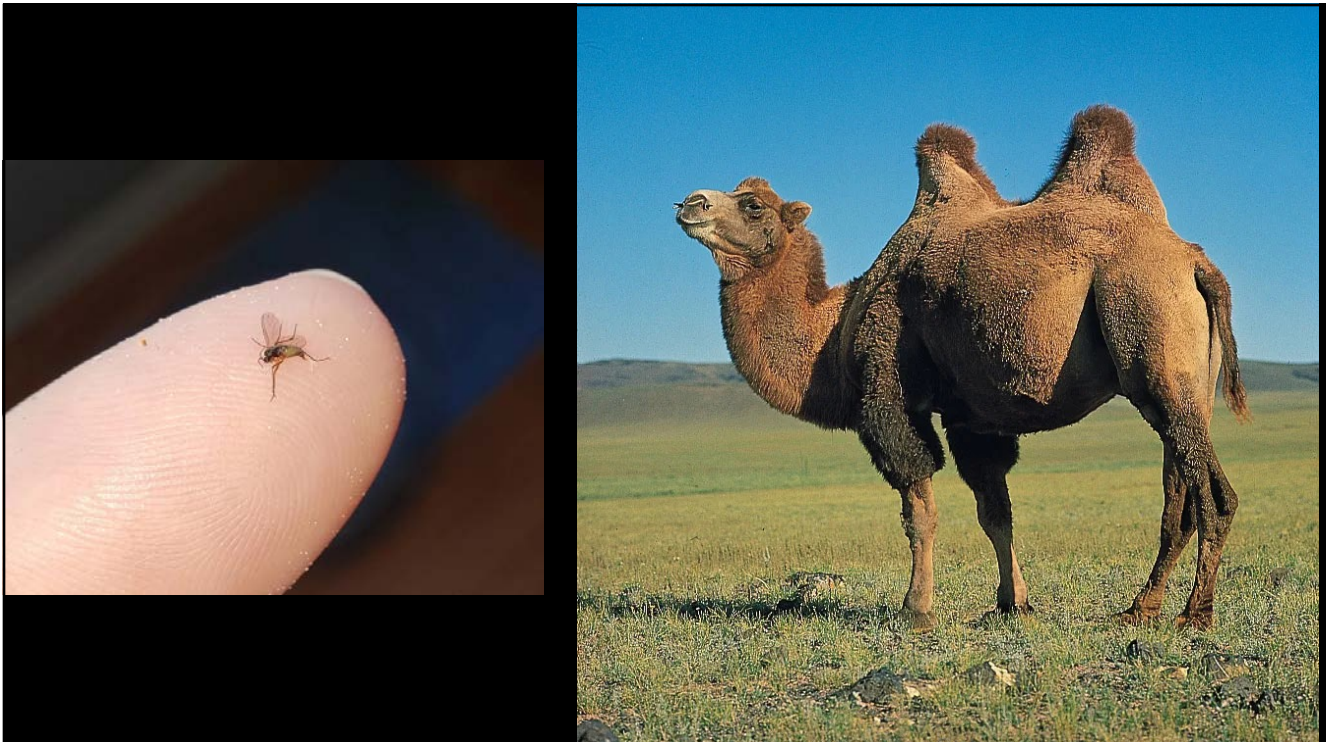


Nitpicking

Giving too much attention
to unimportant details

Usually in a judgmental way

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Prayer: Help us give
the right attention
to the right things

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Becoming Children of God

John 1:1-18

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John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the **light of all mankind**. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus of Nazareth: the Son of God

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John 1:6-8

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as **a witness to testify** concerning that light, **so that through him all might believe**. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

John the Baptist: a regular human being sent by God to point to the Son of God

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John 1:9-13

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus of Nazareth: the Son of God
who became a human being

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Two Astounding Realities

- The Son of God became a human being
 - while still being God
- So that we can become the children of God
 - Known by God and knowing God
 - Loved by God and loving God
 - The Spirit of God living inside us!

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John 1:15-18

(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known.**

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The Big Idea

The Son of God became a human being
so that we (the enemies of God)
could become the children of God
by receiving Jesus

In a rich and personal relationship

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All who are the children of God will receive unimaginably great 'wealth' in the glory of God

- “For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, **how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**” Romans 5:10
- “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, **graciously give us all things?**” Romans 8:32
- “Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—**is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**” Romans 8:34

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So why do we act as though we have so little?

So often we...

- cling to our money and property and rights
- are offended if we aren’t given the honor we think we should have
- are upset if people judge us
- judge others

As if these things were anything compared to the inheritance that will come to us as God’s children!

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**The source of every possible good
has promised to abundantly bless
all who trust in Him**

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Application

Trust Jesus

- Receive Him: like welcoming a great and loved person into our home and life
- Believe in His name: God, Creator, Judge, Savior

→ In the big things

→ In “little” things

Should bring a radically positive view of reality

- If God is for us, who can be against us??

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Goal: To have my view of life deeply shaped by the reality that the Creator, the Son of God, became a human being, so I could become the cherished child of Almighty God

“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of **the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. **I consider them garbage,** that I may gain Christ.” Philippians 3:8

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Application

That through us, all might trust Jesus

- John the Baptist: “He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, **so that through him all might believe.**” John 1:7
- John the author: “But these are written **that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God**, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31
- A radically positive view of life
- Matched with words that point to the Source

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