



GOD IS _____

Part 23: God is Brilliant

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Two definitions of brilliant:

Bright light

Extremely intelligent

Have you ever considered God to be brilliant?

Water to Wine *(John 2:3-10)*

Jesus knew how to change the molecular structure of 120 gallons of water to turn it into expensive, good tasting, high quality wine.

Feeding 5000 *(John 9:14-17)*

Jesus had the knowledge to take a limited amount of food and multiply it.

Healing the Blind *(John 9:1-11)*

By the power of his voice and his will, Jesus could create a miracle with dirt and spit.

On the Lake

Jesus suspended gravity

Jesus controlled weather

The Woman at the Well *(John 4:9-18)*

Jesus provides information that no stranger to the woman could have known.

The Story of the Two Brothers *(Luke 15:11-31)*

Jesus points out that both the religious and the disobedient are in need of God's love.

Regarding Jesus:

"He is not just nice, he is brilliant. He is the smartest man who has ever lived."

- Dallas Willard

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

When you're the source of all good, when you start the universe, when you reconcile everything and make peace for everyone, you get to be in charge.

*Jesus has always been the best information on everything,
and certainly the things we care most about
and those that are truly most important.*

Small Group Questions

- 1) When you think of brilliant people, who comes to mind?
- 2) This weekend Pastor Todd talked about the brilliance of God in creation, relationships and miracles. What's your reaction to labeling God as brilliant? Explain.
- 3) Read Colossians 1:15-20. What hits you as you read this?
- 4) Do you think God is capable of being God without being brilliant?
- 5) Why do you think many Christians don't naturally ascribe the word "brilliant" to God?
- 6) Spend some time praying and specifically worshiping God by giving glory to the intelligence and wisdom that he has poured out upon Creation.