



In a previous series, *God, Trinity, and Revelation*, we explored ways of knowing [God's character](#), and learnt how integral Jesus is in that process. This raises another question: how does Jesus do that? As we continue to learn more about Jesus, the Director of Communications (Dr. T) puts that question to Rev. Stephen Bartlett in today's *Conversation*.

**Dr. T:**                    **How does Jesus reveal who God truly is?**

**Rev. Bartlett:**    The life and words of Jesus open the eyes of the blind and bring the dead to life. He sends the Spirit who renews hard hearts and enlightens depraved minds. Through his ministry we are shown many aspects of our God and Father. We see the love that he has for us to send his only son; we see the mercy he has as he lays our sin on that same son; and we see the righteousness of Christ taken from him and placed upon repentant sinners, through grace by faith.

And this extends to the Old Testament as well; as the mind of Christ opens those passages to us to show us the same God; the same loving Father who guides and protects his people Israel; the same Father who grieves over their sin and disobedience and seeks to draw them back in forgiveness; the same God who fights for his people, sure there is discipline but the Lord pours out righteousness giving them a land and a place among the nations. The church today continues to wait for the Lord's return in glory. We wait guided by the words of scripture and carried along by faith. We continue to listen to the Word of our Lord and find forgiveness and life in those words and in his sacraments.

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In this *Conversation*, it appears that Jesus has quite a special role, but what of other religious leaders? We do this comparison in our next *Conversation*, as we continue our journey back to basics . . .