

Jesus We See You

Reading for 4/16/23

Jesus, when we open our Bibles we see you.

We see you in the books of Moses, the first five books of our Bible. We see you on the very first page. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and Jesus everything was created through you and for you. We see you in the Garden of Eden, when the promise is given that one day one who can crush the head of the serpent will be born.

We see you in the promise given to Abraham that through his family God would bless the whole world. Then we see you on Mount Moriah, when the child of promise is to be sacrificed by his loving Father, only to be spared by a substitutionary lamb. We see you in Jacob's dream, a stairway that connects heaven and earth, and we see you again wrestling with Jacob for a promise, a blessing, and a new name.

We see you, Jesus, as Moses stands between the creator God and his sinful people, interceding as God parts the Red Sea to lead his people to salvation. And we see you in the promise of another, one like Moses, one who will have the very words of God in his mouth.

We see you in the Passover, the blood of the lamb protecting God's people from death. We see you in the guiding pillar of cloud and fire, always with your people, always showing them the way.

Jesus we see you in the wilderness, the manna from heaven, the sustaining bread. We see you in the bronze serpent who is lifted up so that those who look upon it may be healed. We see you in the Rock that was struck so that life giving water might flow from it.

We see you in the tabernacle and the temple, the meeting place of God and man: set apart, and Holy, yet in the midst of the people. Yes, Jesus we see you in the books of Moses.

And we see you as well in the prophets. We see you in the promise to David that one of his descendants would always sit on the throne of Israel. We see you in Isaiah as one despised and rejected, the one pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. We see you in Daniel as the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of heaven, given an everlasting kingdom. We see you in Jeremiah, bringing in the New Covenant of forgiveness and knowledge of God. We see you in Zechariah as the branch of David, both priest and king, coming on the foal of a donkey. And we see you in Joel as the gracious redeemer and giver of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, in the prophets, we see you.

And we see you in the wisdom books. We see you Jesus, as the very Wisdom of God. In Proverbs we see you as the wise King who heeds the instruction of his Father. In Ecclesiastes you are the one who gives meaning to life, and in Song of Solomon we see you in the groom who lovingly prepares his bride for a great wedding feast.

And in Psalm after Psalm we see you – we see Yahweh inviting you sit at his right hand, giving you the scepter of a ruler, and making you a priest forever. We see you consumed with zeal for the house of the Lord. We see you Jesus as your hands and feet are pierced. We hear as you cry out “My God my God why have you forsaken me,” and we see you Jesus in the same Psalm enthroned as the Holy One.

We see you, Lord Jesus, in the books of Moses. We see you in the prophets. We see you in the writings, the books of wisdom.

And when we see you on the pages of scripture our hearts DO burn within us. We search the scriptures *because* they speak of you. We see you. We love you. And we worship you.