

Let's Discuss...The Trinity

PART 1 Illustrations that Fall Short



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Scriptures mentioned:

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

Genesis 1:26a NKJV

After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him.

Matthew 3:16 NLT

Summary

In this first discussion, we share analogies and illustrations that have helped us understand the concept of the Trinity such as water, an egg, a body, etc. – whilst realising that they ultimately all fall short. James takes the pressure off and reminds us that He's an infinite God and we don't have to be able to fully explain Him or nail down these concepts.

Let's Discuss...

- How did you come to your current understanding of the Trinity?
- Does the degree to which you do or don't understand the Trinity affect your faith in anyway? How so?
- Annette says, the more you go on the journey, ask the questions, speak to others, the more it becomes clear, although we may never fully grasp it. Who or where do you turn to (specifically!) to seek clarity in your understanding of the Trinity or other theological questions?
- James talks about having been corrected when referring to the Holy Spirit as "it", since actually He's a person. What difference does it make if we think of the Holy Spirit as "He" rather than "it"? Do you find it easy to relate to the Holy Spirit (or the Father or Son for that matter) as a person?
- Do you have a favorite analogy for the Trinity? In what ways is it helpful and in what ways does it fall short?

Let's Pray...

"A God that can be understood is no God. Who can explain the Infinite in words?"
W. Somerset Maugham

- Let's be audacious enough to attempt to be able to explain the Infinite in words, to the greatest degree that we can, and at peace enough to trust Him despite the limits of our understanding. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us supernatural understanding of who He is and how He operates and help us create room in our lives to be part of a community that together goes deeper in this knowledge than we could on our own.