WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is the question God asks: Learning to be

Mark dares to turn the great self-revelatory tradition of Yahweh from a declaration "I AM" into a question: "Who am I?" $\,$

Ched Myers

I don't know Who-or what- put the question. I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer yes to Someone- or Something- and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life in self-surrender, had a purpose.

Dag Hammarskjold

We find ourselves addressed, and addressed, we find ourselves. Sarah Bachelard

Take some time to think about the following two key questions that speak directly into our personal relationship with God.

What are three words that you would use to describe God?

(Then, when you have done that, go onto this next question.)

What are three words to describe how God sees you?

After some time think about this:

the first question, is in many ways, relatively easy, especially for those of us who have hung around church for a while. This question doesn't cost us very much, even though we may come up with orthodox answers, like "loving", "forgiving", "creative".

The second question however has a bit of a hook in it: it somehow implicates and involves me: it's not an "outside" kind of question, but an "inside" question. I can't cheat or fudge my answer, and then I realize, that even where there might be a bit of gap between my two answers, that gap isn't terminal, but a place of grace where I am being invited to grow. The grace in this last question is that it reveals to us something of our truth.

If I can be, then God is Dag Hammarskjold

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