

# The Fish / Man



A man owned an extravagant aquarium and spared no effort maintaining it properly. He spent many hours attending all his fish and knew their every characteristic. Yet, for all his time and effort, it was evident the fish knew nothing of him. It seemed impossible they could ever get to know him. Instead, whenever he got close to the aquarium the fish hid in fear. Even when he cleaned the tank, as careful as he was not to disturb the water, the fish didn't understand the cleaning was essential for their future well-being. They never showed any acknowledgement when he showered them with food. The man finally realised that if his fish were ever to understand who he was, he would have to become a fish and swim among them.

*As ludicrous as the above illustration may sound, this is similar to what God did. He humbled Himself and took the form of man (Jesus Christ). We must understand that the human brain is incapable of comprehending a Being who has existed simultaneously in the past, present and future - who knows everything that has, will and may happen - with power to create and destroy the universe and the heavens with a single word. It would be easier for a fish in a tank to appreciate the man outside, than for mankind to comprehend an all-knowing, all-present and all-powerful God. However, God gave us the best illustration of who He is (in a way that our tiny brain could understand) by becoming one of us and walking among us. So, if we wish to know God, we can by knowing Jesus Christ. (John 10:30)*