

## Theologian of the Cross

### Part 1: Revelation

In speaking of revelation, we are not speaking just about the last book of the Bible, but in the way God is revealed to us.

### Two Types of Revelation

From our *Explanation to Luther's Small Catechism*:

119. How do you know there \_\_\_\_\_ is a God?

1. From the world's \_\_\_\_\_, its preservation and order.

2. From my \_\_\_\_\_, which is troubled when I do evil and rejoices when I do good.

3. From the holy \_\_\_\_\_ wherein He still more clearly reveals Himself.



General Revelation

- Shows there is a \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ lead a person find God by itself

Special Revelation

- Shows there is a \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ lead a person to find God

### Special Revelation in Christ

Read Luke 24:18-26.

What did the Scriptures say are necessary?

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“Moses and the Prophets” is a way to speak of the Old Testaments by splitting it into two divisions (Moses and the Prophets). Who did Jesus point them to as he explained to them the Old Testament?

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Read John 5:39. Who do the Scriptures testify about?

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## Seeking the Crucified God

### Revealing the Father through the Son

Read John 14:5-9.

Thomas doubted they knew the way. Philip wanted to see the Father. Who does Jesus point them to in both occasions?

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### The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Read John 14:16-18, 14:25-26; 15:26

In Matthew 11:25-26, Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight." If infants can receive God's revelation, why do you suppose we need the Spirit to learn what God wants to teach us? Shouldn't it be easy?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. How is the cross and the message of the cross described multiple times in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 25, it says, "the weakness of God." Does God have a weakness? Did He become weak?

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General Revelation	Special Revelation
Centers on God's power and perfection in creation, in which our conscience accuses us we have failed to reach that standard.	Centers on God's weakness in the cross for our sake, which is powerful to save.

## Application: Ways People Try to Find God

Non-Christian	Christian
Works (conscience)	Christ Crucified, whom the Scriptures speak about
Nature, science (high mountains in pagan religions, planets)	
Experience (if it is going good, God is with me, if it is bad, God does not like me)	
Interpreting Dreams (Wanting a personal word from God)	
Suffering (stoics)	
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Are the things in the left column bad?  
Are they ways to find and seek God?

## The Father



