



Workshop:

Walking Backwards to Bethlehem

Christ in the Old Testament

Session # 1:

We explore the concept of “Christophanies” (appearances of Christ in the Old Testament, under different “titles”) If “God the Son” has always been... where was He before appearing in the manger? Consider the concept of the “Trinity”... and how that plays into God’s “presence” in these readings

Today’s Bible verses:

Luke 24 Jesus on the way to Emmaus. Jesus tells the disciples... that all of “Scripture as they know it”... is about HIM!

John 5 Read the whole chapter... *“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me”*

Exodus 3: The “burning bush”... read this slowly, twice. Picture “who” is in the bush... and who is speaking...

How does the “holy” concept impact what you read? (this is the first time it pops up in scripture)

How do the action verbs impact what you read? “I will turn aside to see” “angel... appeared to him” “take off your shoes ...” “He was afraid to look”??

You aren’t afraid to look at just “sound”.

You don’t need to “turn aside” to perceive just a vision.

How does your understanding of the “Trinity” impact your comfort level with monotheism... and God seemingly being present in 2 ways?