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Down through history, God has taken the initiative to reveal Himself to us. He then carefully guided those who had come to know Him to record the events of their lives. But the clearest way that God has made Himself known to us is when He sent His one and only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world 2000 years ago... “No one has ever seen God at any time; the only unique Son, the only begotten God, who is in the intimate presence of the Father, He has declared Him — He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known.” (John 1:18)

God ensured that all these events and the life of Christ would be written down for us and put into the Bible that we have today – over 2500 years of history recorded by more than 40 eye witnesses. If you want to know God, or want to find out more about Him, let me encourage you to begin reading the Bible, asking God to reveal Himself to you as you read, as He did to the people you read about on its pages.

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