

A person is shown in silhouette, reaching their right arm upwards towards a bright, glowing light source. The background is a soft, hazy sky with a faint rainbow visible on the left side. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual aspiration.

Clinging to Jesus

Jesus makes all things well

- Listen for echoes of creation in John 1:1-18
- He dispels the darkness of Day 1
- He ends the separation of heaven & earth of Day 2
- He brings the orphans back to their father
 - The main consequence of the fall



Jesus dispels our darkness

- John 1:1-8
- God never wanted darkness, but it was necessary
 - It wasn't declared good – Gen 1:1-5
 - It will end – Rev 21:23-25
 - The choice between light & dark is like the two trees in Eden – 1:10-13
- Darkness represents
 - Lostness
 - Fear, anxiety & depression
- Jesus is the light of the world – John 9:5
 - He drives out all fear and shows us how to live



Jesus ends our separation

- John 1:14-18
- God never wanted separation
 - It wasn't declared good – Gen 1:6-8
 - It will end – Rev 21:1-4
- Separation represents
 - A lack of God's presence
 - Fear things could all go wrong
 - Fear of his judgement
- Jesus is 'God with us' – 1:14
 - He takes away the sins of the world – 1:29
 - He shows us grace & truth
 - God is for us – Rom 8:31
 - He gives us his Spirit, New Creation – 1:32



Jesus brings us to Father

- John 1:12-13
- God wanted children
 - In his image – Gen 1:26-28
 - We chose to mistrust him – Gen 3
 - We're all born orphans
- Orphans
 - Have no-one to care for them
 - Grab what they can
- Jesus brings us to God's bosom –
1:18, 14:1-6
 - The place of intimacy
 - The place of quiet trust
 - Even through the darkest of times



Let's cling to Jesus

- Let's not give in to fear in this season
- Jesus is with us
 - He will make all things well – Romans 8:28
- We can trust the Father to
 - Guide us
 - Protect us
 - Provide for us
- Jeremiah 29:11 – “I know the plans I have for you... to give you hope and a future”

