The Bible states that there is an invisible God—a God who hides Himself. A God that no man has ever seen. A lot of focus has been put on that lately (No one has ever seen God). So since Jesus Christ has been before, during and after his physical existence. Then Jesus Christ is not the invisible God.

Colossians 1:15 He (the firstborn over all creation) is the image of the invisible God.

I wish life was that simple, where we would just believe what the Bible actually states.

Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16)
New Jerusalem is the city of the Living God (Hebrews 12:22)
The Living God spoke to Israel from Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 5:26)
Therefore the being who spoke to Israel from Mount Sinai was Jesus Christ (?)

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob glorified His servant Jesus (Acts 3:13)
The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob spoke to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:15)
Jesus Christ said that God (He) spoke to Moses at the burning bush (Mark 12:26)
Therefore the being that spoke to Moses at the burning bush was Jesus Christ?

The same type of argument is made with God Almighty, the Most High God, YHWH of Hosts.
Now those references ought to make some people shudder, especially the last one. Because it replaces God the Father in the Holy of Holies of the Temple with Jesus Christ.

When I was a child, I believed in Santa Claus—I thought everyone else did as well. I trusted my parents—that was the story they told. There did seem to be some evidence to back them up—cookies and milk, presents appeared. There were also some things that called the whole story into question. One year we visited Santa down at Hennessy’s department store in Butte, MT. Then the presents under the tree weren’t actually from him—getting down the chimney.

I did wonder about some of those things, but my parents assured me everything was okay. The fast is, when you buy into a false narrative, everything is no okay. When you buy into a false religious narrative, you have the commandments of men.

The invisible God, the God who hides Himself, the God no man has ever seen.

Isaiah 45:9-19 You are God, who hides Yourself, O God of Israel—Hezekiah/Sennacherib.
It is God the Father who hides Himself—that is why He is called the invisible God.
The God of Israel who is the Savior (OT) is the Father.
The Holy one of Israel who is their Creator and maker is the Father.

Hebrews 11:23-29 Esteeming the reproach of Christ…He endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Moses knew the distinction between the sender and the one who would be sent.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 YHWH your God will raise you up for a prophet like me…Him you shall hear

Acts 3:17-26 God told by the mouth of all His prophets that Christ would suffer.

God the Father is references five times—YHWH your God is one of them.

Why did God hide Himself?

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 7-14 You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form, you only heard a voice.

Deuteronomy 4:15-16 You saw no form…lest you…make for yourself a carved image.

If this is Jesus, then why is He hiding Himself?
If this is God the Father, then Israel heard His voice.

Deuteronomy 5:1-7 YHWH talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.

Deuteronomy 5:22-27 Who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the Living God…and lived.

It is God the Father who hides Himself.
Did the God who hides Himself, eat and drink with the elders of Israel?

Why is that even a question?

Exodus 24:3-8 All that YHWH has said we will do, and be obedient

Exodus 24:9-11 A paved work of sapphire stone...they saw God and they ate and drank

Ezekiel 1:26-28 The firmament…a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone (visions of God)
Acts 7:54-56 I see the heavens opened…the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

Repeatedly stating no one has seen God at any time doesn’t answer the question. It is to get an emotional response like shouting Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

The God who hides Himself didn’t just allow Israel to hear Him—He wanted Israel to hear Him.

Exodus 19:7-9 I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak to you.

Psalms 99:1-9 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar…you were to them God who forgives.

Matthew 17:5 A voice came out of the cloud: this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear Him.

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The God who hides Himself spoke to Moses face to face (Moses saw the form of YHWH)

Exodus 25:21-22 I will speak with you from above the mercy seat.

Exodus 33:7-11 The pillar of cloud descended…and YHWH talked with Moses…face to face.

Exodus 33:17-23 You cannot see my face, for no man shall see me and live.

Numbers 7:89 Moses…heard the voice of one speaking to Him from above the mercy seat.

Numbers 12:1-8 My servant Moses…I speak with him face to face..he sees the form of YHWH.

Numbers 14:11-19 You, YHWH, are seen face to face and your cloud stand above them.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 To the king Eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise.

1 Timothy 6:11-16 God…whom no man has seen or can see.

1 John 2:28-3:3 When He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
Revelation 22:1-5  They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Conclusion: The invisible God, the God who hides Himself, the God that no man has ever seen, is God the Father.