Do I Really Know Jesus?

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus answered, You know neither me nor my father. If you had known me, you also would have known my father also.
- These were the religious leaders of that time. They should have known what he was speaking was true, but they refused.
- What I want to challenge us to do this morning is to ask ourselves, do I really know Jesus?

1 The Home: Husbands and Wives

Colossians 3:12; Colossians 3:18–19

- Wives, submit to your own husbands as fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter toward them.
- Husbands, fathers, the greatest gift you can give your family is to lead them to Christ Jesus.
- The husband is the head of the wife. Not because he's some kind of superior being, but because he has a different role to fill.
- This does not just happen the day you say I do. This is a lifelong continual process. It takes work.
- Christ didn't love the church because of its beauty or holiness. Instead, Christ gave himself unselfishly to make it holy, to make it beautiful.

2 Children, Obey Your Parents

Matthew 3:17; Proverbs 1:8; Proverbs 10:1

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise.
- Children, obedience is pleasing to the Lord.
- God the Father was well pleased because the son was completely obedient. Even obedient to the point of death.
- When they work together in tandem, when they both are seeking to know Christ Jesus, both provide godly guidance for the family.

3 The Storms of Our Life

John 3:16; Ecclesiastes 3; Luke 12:29–31

- We are either getting ready to enter a storm, already in a storm, or we've come out of a storm.
- When we follow Jesus, beloved, we can and will be led into the storms of life.
- The storms of life will most assuredly help you see whether you know Christ Jesus.
- We have a Savior that loves us. And his love, his grace, his mercy is so strong, it can get us through that if we allow him.

- But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.

4 Spend Time in the Inspired Word

2 Timothy 3:16–17

- All scriptures given by inspiration of God. It's profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
- You get out of God's word what you put into it.
- Get off of Facebook. Get off of Twitter. Get into the Word.

5 Seek the Company and Counsel of Godly Men and Women

Proverbs 3:5–6; Proverbs 5:15–20

- Surround yourself with those of like precious faith.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
- We have some godly people here that you can go to.

6 Have a Come to Jesus Meeting

Hebrews 4:13–16

- Have a come to Jesus meeting and lay your burdens at his feet.
- Take it to God in love, humility, and seeking godly wisdom, godly discernment.
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you want to know Christ Jesus better, if you are outside the body of Christ, the first step is coming forth and making that confession, establishing that relationship, being washed, made clean and whole by the blood of Christ through baptism.**

MY NOTES