



DO YOU REALLY KNOW JESUS?

Easter Sunday

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The Bible teaches us Jesus died on the cross on Friday and rose from the grave on Sunday, we meet today! God has commanded us to always be together (not alone) as the church: to remember the day Jesus was raised to life to reveal Himself truly as Lord and Savior. But do you really know Jesus? I would like to show you 3 stories —3 people who identified Jesus during His ministry, at His death & after His resurrection.

1. The LIFE of Jesus. (John 1:19-34)

*“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ **31** I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” **32** And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ **34** And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” **John 1:29-34***

- JOHN the Baptist identified Jesus as the LAMB of God.
- This man CONFESSED Jesus can SAVE us from our SIN.
- This man WITNESSED Jesus being identified as the SON of GOD.

What keeps us from knowing God?

1. We defy & retaliate toward a biblical standard.
2. We eliminate any Christian morale that may interfere with our agendas.
3. We create distance between the church and the rest of the world.

2. The DEATH of Jesus. (Matthew 27:50-54)

*“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. **51** And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, **53** and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and were raised, appeared to many. **54** When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” **Matthew 27:50-54***

- The CENTURION identified Jesus as the SON of God.
- This man's CONFESSION suggests a CONVICTION over sin.
- This man's RESPONSE was an answer to Jesus' PRAYER.

"And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." **Luke 23:34**

3. The RESURRECTION of Jesus. (John 20:24-29)

"Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." **26** Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **John 20:24-29**

- Thomas identified Jesus as "My LORD and GOD".
- This man's WEAKNESS of doubt was replaced with the STRENGTH of faith.
- This man's CONFESSION is the GREATEST a person can make.

This confession of making Jesus "LORD and God" will be the greatest confession you will ever make in your entire life. Do you know Jesus? We can know Jesus personally, immediately, and truthfully. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen me and still believe." Do you really know Jesus? Will you believe in Jesus today?

~ A Word from Pastor Trevor ~

The time of Easter to the world is when families gather together in Spring as a traditional family holiday. Even though Easter is not a pagan practice by majority of people, its origin was based on a pagan holiday like many other holidays including Christmas. Instead of spending too much time teaching the counterfeit and false religions, I plan to teach the way Jesus taught, which is to focus on the truth! We believe Easter egg hunting is only for a fun activity for children to be together on this celebration day of Resurrection Sunday. Our real prize is not what is inside of an egg, but having Jesus living inside of us — giving us eternal life.