

“If You Really Know Jesus”

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Proverbs 8:35 “For whoever finds me finds life,
And obtains favor from the LORD.

Message Text: John 14:1-14

John 14:1-2 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3-5 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

John 13:33 My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

Jesus is the Way

John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:7-8 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

Jesus Reveals the Father

John 14:9-11

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’

John 14:10 “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”

John 14:11 “Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.”

Jesus Empowers Us

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

John 14:13-14 “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

"The power of prayer is not in the words we say or the formula we follow, but in the One to whom we pray. It is God who answers prayer, not our eloquence or our effort. When we approach Him with faith and trust, seeking His will and His glory, He will move on our behalf in ways that are beyond our imagination." *Pastor Tony Evans*

“Prayer is not a means of getting what we want but aligning our will with the will of God. When we pray according to His will, we can be confident that He will answer us. But if we pray selfishly, seeking only to fulfill our own desires, we will not receive what we ask for." *Pastor John MacArthur*

Abundant Life

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The question is: “What are you going to do about it?”

If you really know Jesus, then you really know life.

John 10:27-30 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.”