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Knowing Jesus Like Never Before

The answer to life's most important questions: **JESUS**.
Colossians 1:15-23

The **priority** of knowing Jesus:

1. A **confidence** to **reject**.
though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: Philippians 3:4
2. A **comparison** to **make**.
Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ Philippians 3:8
3. A **closeness** to **cultivate**.
that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, Philippians 3:10

To know Jesus is to **know God**.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Jesus revealed God's Identity:

1. By **coming to earth**.
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. John 1:1,10
2. By **becoming a man**.
And the Word became flesh . . . John 1:14a

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3. By **living among us**.

. . . and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14b

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Things you would not know about God except for Jesus:

1. He revealed that **God is a loving Father**.
In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9
2. He revealed that **God is forgiving**.
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10
3. He revealed that **God has a plan for us**.
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10
4. He revealed that **God is trustworthy**.
"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." John 14:1

Five "Asks" as we begin our "HIS Story" journey:

. . . But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13b-14

1. **Read a Chapter**
2. **Study / Reflect**
3. **Family Story Time**
4. **Join a Life Group**
5. **Attend Worship**

not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25