

AND I KNEW HIM NOT

John 1:29-34

1. DID JOHN KNOW JESUS?
 1. *They were cousins; probably grew up together.*
 2. *Why did he not know him?*
 1. Did not fully perceive who He was.
 2. Did not fully know that He was the Christ--the Son of God.
 3. Many knew him not.
 1. (Mat 17:12 KJV) But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.
 2. (John 1:10 KJV) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
 3. (Acts 13:27 KJV) For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.
 4. (1 John 3:1 KJV) Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
2. *Who do men say that I the Son of man am?*
 1. (Mat 16:13 KJV) When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
 1. John, Elijah, Jeremiah. (Mat 16:14 KJV) And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

2. (Mat 16:15 KJV) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
3. The Christ. (Mat 16:16 KJV) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
2. *Blessed are you Peter.* (Mat 16:17 KJV) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
 1. Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you.
 2. Now, I will tell you who you are. (Mat 16:18 KJV) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
 3. Keys to the kingdom. (Mat 16:19 KJV) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
3. *Tell no man.* (Mat 16:20 KJV) Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
4. *We can not know Him except the Spirit reveal Him.*
 1. (1 Cor 2:11 KJV) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
 2. (1 Cor 2:12 KJV) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
 3. (1 Cor 2:13 KJV) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
 4. (1 Cor 2:14 KJV) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

5. *Know no man after the flesh.* (2 Cor 5:16 KJV) Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

1. Should judge no man after the flesh.
2. We need to know one another by the Spirit.
3. Need to know a person's motives; their heartbeat; their thoughts.
4. Cannot be done unless we know by the Spirit.
5. Man looks on the outward; God looks on the heart.

6. *Once we knew Christ after the flesh, but no longer.*

1. Knew who He was historically.
2. But now we know Him experientially; now we know Him because we have a personal relationship with Him.

3. GOD REVEALS JESUS TO JOHN.

1. *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!*

1. I saw the Spirit descending like a dove.
2. He that sent me to baptize with water said, "Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
3. After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
4. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

2. *John publicly acknowledges that Jesus is the Lamb of God.*

1. Two disciples heard and followed Jesus.
2. They said unto Him, "Rabbi!" (Indicating they knew Him).

4. DEPART FROM ME, I NEVER KNEW YOU.

1. *Important that we know God; more important that He knows us.*

2. *Knowing God.*

1. That I may know Him...(Phil 3:10 KJV) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
2. You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
3. *"This is life eternal; that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."* (Joh 17:3).
4. *"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God"* (Col. 1:10).

3. *God knowing us.*

1. *"If any man love God, the same is known of Him"* (1 Cor. 8:3).
2. *"But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?"* (Gal. 4:9).
3. Suggests approval and bears the meaning "to be approved."

5. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW SOMEONE?

1. Ginosko.

1. Conveys thought of connection or union, as between man and woman.
2. Frequently suggests inception or progress in knowledge.

2. Oida - Suggest fullness of knowledge.

3. Epiginosko - Denotes observation or full perception; to notice attentively.

4. So, what did John mean by *"And I knew him not?"*

1. Did not perceive; did not understand who he really was.
2. Expresses a mere mechanical, passive, or casual vision.

6. HOW TO KNOW SOMEONE.

1. *Spend time with them; seek out their heart.*
2. *Sharing intimacies; revealing yourself.*
3. *Taking off the facades.*
 1. Being open and honest with another.
 2. Not keeping a person at arm's length; afraid to make yourself vulnerable.
 3. Learning to trust after being hurt or disappointed.
4. *Learn to see a person as they actually are.*

7. SOME TRUTHS THAT MAY BE KNOWN BY THE BELIEVER.

1. *My redeemer lives - "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another..." (Job 19:25-27).*
2. *The Lord will help me - "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (Is. 50:7).*
3. *Can know for ourselves Jesus the Savior (city of Samaria, after hearing the message of Jesus from the Samaritan woman) - "...now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42).*
4. *We have a building in the heavens - "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Cor. 5:1).*
5. *When He appears, we will be like Him - "Beloved, now are we the*

sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 Jn. 3:2).

6. *We have passed from death unto life - "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 Jn. 3:14).*
7. *Once was blind, but now see! "...whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (Jn. 9:25).*

8. WE KNOW IN PART.

1. *"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (1 Cor. 13:9-10).*
2. *"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall know even as also I am known" (1 Cor. 13:12).*