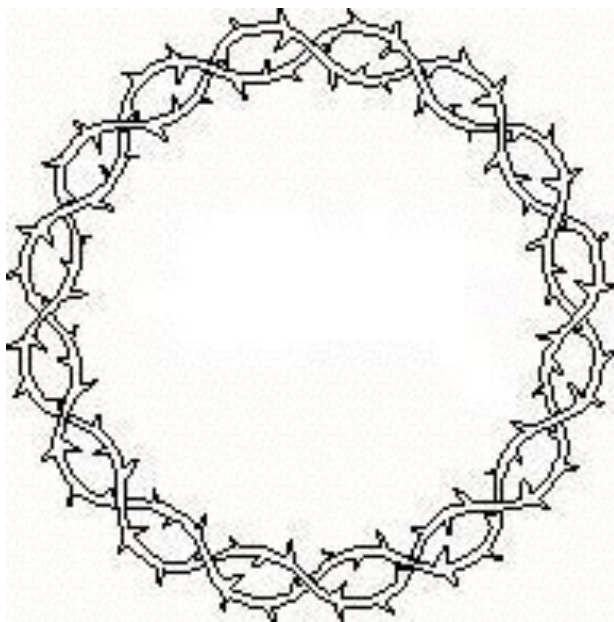


# Knowing God

**Through Jesus**



# Discovery Lessons 9 Through 18

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## KNOWING GOD

This Bible course consists of a series of five books, each with several discovery lessons to help you know God better. This is the second book.

### Book 2 - KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS

The story of Jesus is found in the first four books of the New Testament in the Holy Bible. The purpose of this chapter is to discover the true Jesus.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Each of the books has several short lessons. We suggest that you do one lesson each day. Study the lessons in order. Each lesson will help you understand the lessons that follow. The lessons include a statement of the purpose of the lesson, verses from the Holy Bible (boxed in), definitions and explanations, and questions.

First pray. Ask God to make Himself and His plan for you known to you.

Second, read the Bible verses in the boxes carefully. Think about what God is making known.

Third, read the definitions and explanations.

Finally write brief answers to the questions in each lesson.

If you have any questions about the lesson, please call Thomas at

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Each book has an examination. This is simply a compilation of questions from each lesson. They are numbered the same as the numbers in each lesson. Before writing your answers, review the lessons. Then try to see how many questions you can answer without consulting the questions included in each lesson. After that, go back to the lesson book for your answers. When you complete the examination, fill out the personal information, sign the sheet and send it to BMW, PO Box 2844, Grand Rapids, MI 49501, email it to [info@banglaministries.org](mailto:info@banglaministries.org), or give it to your instructor. Your questionnaire will be graded and returned.

## KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS Lesson Nine

The purpose of this lesson is to discover the unique nature of the birth of Jesus. The story of his birth is found in the first chapter of the first book of the New Testament in the Holy Bible.

### **Bible verses from Matthew**

*Matthew 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.*

*19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in*

*a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."  
 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" --which means, "God with us."  
 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.  
 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

### **Definitions and Explanations**

*See Matthew 1:18*

**Pledged to be married** means promised, or engaged.

*See Matthew 1:18*

**Holy Spirit** refers to the Spirit of God the creator. No other prophet was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin!

*See Matthew 1:21*

**Jesus** is the Greek form of the name Joshua which means, "the Lord saves." He was given the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. As we saw in the first book of this course, we need a savior.

*See Matthew 1:23*

**Virgin** as used regarding Mary in these verses refers to the fact that she had never had sexual relations. Never before in human history and never since has a virgin given birth, but the virgin Mary gave birth to a son and named him Jesus. This was a miraculous birth, a miracle of God.

**Immanuel** means, "God with us." Think about the significance of this!

*See Matthew 1:25*

**No union** as used in these verses means no sexual intercourse.

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## Questions

9a. By whom was Jesus conceived? (*See Matthew 1:18-20*)

What relationship do you think exists between God and the Holy Spirit?

9b. What does Jesus save people from? (*See Matthew 1:21*)

Why might God be concerned about your sin?

9c. What is significant about the name Immanuel? (*See Matthew 1:23*)

Why do you suppose God would want to come to us?

9d. What does the birth of Jesus mean to you? (Use next page)

## Notes



**Bible verses from other books of the Bible**

*Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

**Questions**

9e. Why was the birth of Jesus miraculous? (*See Matthew 1:23 and Isaiah 7:14*)

Why do you think God would do this?

**Notes**

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## Lesson Ten

The purpose of this lesson is to discover the amazing fulfillment of prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus. These are found in the first two chapters of the first book of the New Testament in the Holy Bible.

### Verses from the Holy Bible

*Deuteronomy 18:22 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously*

*Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

*Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."*

*Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."*

*Matthew 2:1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

*Matthew 2:3-6 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"*

## Definitions & Explanations

*See Deuteronomy 18:22*

A **Prophet** speaks or writes about some part of God's plan that humanly cannot be known by natural means. He is God's messenger. The test of a true prophet depends upon whether his messages always come true and none of them ever proves false.

*See Matthew 1:22-23 and Isaiah 7:14*

**Isaiah** the prophet prophesied over 600 years before the birth of Jesus.

*See Matthew 2:1-2*

**Magi** were wise men of a sacred caste of priests from Persia.

*See Matthew 2:3-6 and Micah 5:2*

**Micah**, the prophet, prophesied about the birth of Jesus 700 years before his birth.

*Matthew 2:3-6*

The **Christ** means the promised Messiah.

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## Questions

10a. How can we know if a person who prophesies is a true prophet?

*(See Deuteronomy 18:22)*

Many people make predictions, some of which come true. Should they be considered as prophets? Why?

10b. What did Isaiah prophesy about the birth of Jesus?

*(See Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:22-23)*

10c. What did Micah prophesy about the birth of Jesus? *(See Micah 5:2)*

and Matthew 2:3-6)

### More Verses from the Holy Bible

*Matthew 2:7-12* Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

*Hosea 11:1* "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son."

*Matthew 2:13-15* When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

### More Definitions & Explanations

See Matthew 2:13-15 and Hosea 11:1

**Hosea** was a prophet, who prophesied over 700 years before the birth of Jesus.

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### More Questions

10d. Why do you think the Magi worshiped Jesus? Should we worship

him?

10e. What did Hosea prophesy about Jesus? (*See Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:13-15*)

### More Verses from the Holy Bible

*Jeremiah 31:15 This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more."*

*Matthew 2:16-18 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."*

### More Definitions & Explanations

*See Matthew 2:16-18 and Jeremiah 31:15*

**Jeremiah**, another prophet, wrote his prophecy 600 years before the birth of Jesus also.

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### More Questions

10f. What did Jeremiah prophesy about the birth of Jesus?  
(*See Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:16-18*)

10g. Why did Herod want to find Jesus? (*See Matthew 2:16-18*)

## Notes

### More Verses from the Holy Bible

*Matthew 2:19-23* After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

### More Questions

- 10h. What else was prophesied about Jesus by the prophets?  
(See *Matthew 2:19-23*)

Do you think the prophets knew at the time they prophesied when their prophecy would be fulfilled? Why or why not?

- 10i. How many prophecies mentioned in these verses about Jesus were fulfilled? (See *Matthew 1:22-23* and *Matthew 2:1-23*)

Humanly speaking what are the chances that all these things prophesied 600 to 700 years before would all be fulfilled in one person?

### **More Verses from the Holy Bible**

*2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

### **More Questions**

- 10j. How is it possible that these prophets spoke (or wrote) these prophesies hundreds of years before they happened?  
(See 2 Peter 1:21)

Do you think there was any way these prophets could manipulate these events? If so, how?



## Notes

# KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS

### Lesson Eleven

The purpose of this lesson is to discover who healed the sick and raised the dead. These accounts are found in the first four books of the New Testament in the Holy Bible.

#### **Bible Verses from Matthew**

*Matthew 11: 1-6 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.*

*Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."*

### **Definitions & Explanations**

*See Matthew 11:1-6*

**The one who was to come, Christ,** refers to the Messiah promised throughout the Old Testament.

**Was Jesus more than a prophet?** Consider the things he did. Did any other prophet restore sight to the blind, cause the lame to walk, cure a leper, cause the deaf to hear, raise a man from the dead? Jesus did!

### **Verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*John 9:1-7 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.*

### **More verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*John 5:1-10 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to*

*carry your mat."*

*John 5:17-18 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.*

### Questions

11a. Why did Jesus say the blind man was born blind? (See John 9:1-7)

How do you think God might display His power in your life?

11b. Why did the Jews try to kill Jesus? (See John 5:17-18)

### Notes

#### **More verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*Matthew 8:2-3 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.*

*Mark 7:31-37 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."*

*Luke 7:11-16 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out--the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."*

## **Notes**

## **More Questions**

11c. How did the man with leprosy demonstrate his faith?  
(See *Matthew 8:2-3*)

How can you demonstrate your faith?

11d. What two things did Jesus do for the deaf man and what was the response? (See *Mark 7:31-37*)

When have you told someone what Jesus has done for you?

11e. What did the people say when Jesus raised the man from the dead?  
(See *Luke 7:11-16*)

What would you have done if you had been there?

11f. In your opinion, how was Jesus able to perform these miracles?

# KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS

## Lesson Twelve

The purpose of this lesson is to discover why Jesus performed other miracles. These accounts are also found in the first four books of the New Testament in the Holy Bible.

### **Bible verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*John 2:1-11* On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

*Matthew 8:23-27* Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked,

*"What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"*

### **Definitions**

*See John 2:1-11*

**Miraculous signs** or miracles are supernatural events, taken as evidence of divine authority, which unmistakably involve an immediate, and powerful action designed to reveal God's character or purposes.

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### **Questions**

12a. What was revealed by Jesus' first miracle and what was the result?  
*(See John 2:1-11)*

12b. When Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves, why did his disciples ask, "What kind of man is this?" *(See Matthew 8:23-27)*

What kind of man do you think Jesus was?

### **Notes**

### **More Bible verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*Mark 6:34-44* When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five--and two fish." Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

*John 21:25* "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."

*Mark 6:45-52* Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. When evening came, the boat



*was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.*

### **More Questions**

12c. How could anyone feed 5000 men besides women and children with five loaves of bread and two small fish? *(See Mark 6:34-44)*

How would you respond if you saw Jesus perform a miracle?

12d. How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus walking on the lake? *(See Mark 6:45-52)*

Why? *(See Mark 6:45-52)*

12e. How did Jesus respond to them? *(See Mark 6:45-52)*

Why do you think Jesus performed miracles?

12f. Did any other prophet ever turn water into wine, calm a storm by rebuking the wind, feed 5000 men besides women and children with five loaves of bread and two small fish, or walk on water?

Could Jesus have been more than a prophet?

Why?

## KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS Lesson Thirteen

The purpose of this lesson is to discover the authority with which Jesus taught. His teachings are found in the first four books of the New Testament in the Holy Bible.

### **Bible verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*Matthew 7:28-29* When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

*Matthew 9:1-8* Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This

*fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . ." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." And the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.*

*Matthew 13:53-58 When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.*

## Questions

13a. Why were the crowds amazed at Jesus' teaching?

*(See Matthew 7:28-29 and Mark 1:21-22)*

13b. Where did Jesus get his authority? *(See Matthew 9:1-8)*

13c. What kind of response did Jesus receive when he taught in his hometown? *(See Matthew 13:53-58)*

What authority does Jesus have in your life?

### Notes

#### **More Bible verses from the first four books of the New Testament**

*Matthew 28:18-20* Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

*Mark 1:21-22* They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his

*teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.*

*Luke 4:31-36 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority. In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!"*

*John 3:1-2 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."*

*John 4:39-42 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

### **More Questions**

- 13d. How should we respond to Jesus authority?  
(See Matthew 28:18-20)

13e. In Capernaum, why did the people ask in amazement, “What is this teaching?” *(See Luke 4:31-36)*

Do you think Jesus has the power to perform miracles today?  
Why or why not?

13f. How did Nicodemus describe Jesus? Why? *(See John 3:1-2)*

13g. What conclusion did the Samaritan’s come to when they heard Jesus? *(See John 4:39-42)*

What conclusion have you come to about Jesus?

13h. If Jesus has “all authority,” how should I respond to his commands?

## KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS

Lesson Fourteen

The purpose of this lesson is to discover that his birth on earth is not His beginning. This truth is found throughout the Holy Bible.

### Verses from the Holy Bible

*John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

*John 1:6-8 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.*

*John 1:9-13 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

*John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### Definitions & Explanations

*See John 1:1-5, 14*

**In the beginning** refers to the same beginning we studied in Lesson 1 in the first book, “Knowing God Through Creation.”

*See John 1:1-5, 14*

**The Word** refers to the visible representation and manifestation of God to created beings.

### Questions

14a. Who was with God in the beginning? *(See John 1:1-5)*

14b. Who was the Word? *(See John 1:1, 14)*

14c. To what extent was the Word involved in creation?  
*(See John 1:1-5 and Colossians 1:15-17)*

Do you believe that the creator of all things is God? Why?

14d. Who came from the Father (God) to dwell among us?  
*(See John 1:14 and 1 John 1:1-3)*

14e. Who has been given the right to become children of God?  
*(See John 1:9-13)*

### **Notes**



### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*Genesis 1:26* Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air; over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

*1 John 1:1-3* That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

*Colossians 1:15-17* He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*Philippians 2:5-11* Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **More Definitions & Explanations**

*See Colossians 1:15-17*

The **image** of the invisible God indicates that Jesus Christ is the visible representation and manifestation of God to created beings.

*See Colossians 1:15-17*

The **firstborn** over all creation means that Jesus Christ existed first before all creation because He is God and thus He is the supreme sovereign over all creation.

### **More Questions**

14f. We affirm there is one God. *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” (Deuteronomy 6:4)* What do the words “us” and “our” in Genesis indicate? *(See Genesis 1:26)*

14g. Why was the Word who became flesh (Jesus) made in human likeness? *(See John 1:14 and Philippians 2:5-11)*

What does it mean to you that God took on human form?

14h. When did Jesus begin? *(1 John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-17)*

14i. Have you become a child of God? How do you know?

### **Notes**

# KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS

## Lesson Fifteen

The purpose of this lesson is to discover why God chose to manifest Himself in human flesh. This truth is found throughout the Holy Bible.

### Verses from the Holy Bible

*John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*

*John 14:9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"*

*John 7:28-29 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me."*

*John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me."*

## Definitions and Explanations

*See John 1:14*

**The Word** is another name for Jesus Christ. This name refers to the visible representation and manifestation of God to created beings.

## Questions

15a. Who does the “One and Only” refer to? *(See John 1:14)*

15b. Who has Jesus, the One and Only, made known to us?  
*(See John 1:18)*

15c. Who has seen the Father (God)? *(See John 14:9)*

How do you think it was possible for Jesus to make this statement?

15d. Who sent the Word (Jesus) to reveal God? *(See John 7:28-29 and John 8:42)*

Do you believe that Jesus was a liar, or a lunatic, or who He said He was?

## Notes

### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*1 Peter 1:18-21 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

*Philippians 2:5-8 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!*

*Acts 2:23-24 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*

*Acts 10:39-40 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.*

*John 10:17-18 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*

*Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

### **More Definitions and Explanations**

*See Acts 2:23-24*

**Foreknowledge** refers to God's knowledge of the future.

### **Questions**

15e. Who was chosen before the creation of the world?

*(See 1 Peter 1:18-21)*

15f. Why was Jesus Christ revealed in the last times?

*(See 1 Peter 1:18-21)*

15g. If God did not reveal Himself in a way our limited mind could grasp, how would you understand Him or who He is?

15h. Describe Jesus' attitude regarding His nature and the result of having this attitude? *(See Philippians 2:5-8)*

15i. How did Jesus die? (*See Acts 2:23-24 and Acts 10:39-40; compare with John 10:17-18*)

Why do you think Jesus volunteered to die on a cross at the hands of cruel men?

15j. Why was Jesus made a little lower than the angels?  
(*See Hebrews 2:9*)

#### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.*

*Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

*1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

*Hebrews 9:27-28 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*

*1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

### **More Definitions and Explanations**

*See 1 John 4:10 and 1 John 2:2*

**Atoning sacrifice** refers to the sacrifice that secured reconciliation between a holy God and sinful men. Jesus did not come between God and men; rather, in Jesus, God himself bore the consequences of human sin. It was the price He paid for us to have peace with God. God reconciles people at great cost to himself.

### **Notes**

### **More Questions**

15k. Who did Jesus die for? *(See 1 John 3:16 and Romans 5:8 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

Do you think us means everybody in all times? Why?

15l. Who was sent as an atoning sacrifice for sins? *(See 1 John 4:10 and Hebrews 9:27-28 and 1 John 2:2)*



In your own words, what did He accomplish by His sacrifice?

## Notes

### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

*Galatians 1:3-5 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

*1 Peter 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

### **The Names and Titles of Jesus**

**Jesus** is a Greek version of the Hebrew "Joshua," which means salvation is from Yahweh. His very name suggests His purpose. "He shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). This One is **Immanuel**, God with us (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23). Mark began his brief Gospel in some manuscripts by introducing Jesus as **the Son of God** (Mark 1:1). Luke's shepherds knew Him as "a **Saviour**, which is **Christ the Lord**" (Luke 2:11). Paul addressed Him as "**the Lord**"--the earliest Christian confession was that Jesus (is) Lord. The Gospels herald the message of the **Son of Man**, He who was humbled, who suffered, who will come again. Thomas, known for his doubting, should also be remembered for faith's greatest application about Christ: "**My Lord and my God**" (John 20:28). The metaphors of John's Gospel invite us to reflect on Jesus Christ, God's great necessity. John portrays Jesus as the Water of life (4:14); the Bread of life (6:41); the Light (8:12); the Door (10:7); the Good Shepherd (10:11); the Resurrection and the Life (11:25); the Way, the Truth, the Life (14:6).

**Christ** means Messiah, the Saviour of the world.

**Lord** is a title of relationship as Master.

### **More Questions**

15m. What did Jesus purchase with His blood? (*See Revelation 5:9*)

15n. What was God's motivation in sending Jesus to the cross?

*(See Romans 5:8 and 1 John 4:10)*

15o. Why did Jesus die for our sins? *(See Galatians 1:3-5 and 1 Peter 3:18)*

15p. Do you believe that it was necessary for Jesus to die for your sins?  
Why?

Have you told Him that you want Him to be your Savior?

If not, why not ask Him now and thank Him for what He did for you!

### **Notes**

## **KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS**

Lesson Sixteen

The purpose of this lesson is to discover what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross. These truths are found throughout the Holy Bible.

### **Verses from the Holy Bible**

*Ephesians 1:7-8 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.*

*Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

*Revelation 1:5-6 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*

*Hebrews 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

*1 John 3:5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.*

*John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*John 12:44-46 Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."*

*Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

## Definitions and Explanations

*See Ephesians 1:7-8 and Galatians 3:13*

**Redemption** refers to our deliverance from the penalty and guilt of our sins.

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## Questions

16a. According to these verses what did Jesus do for us when He died on the cross?

*(See Ephesians 1:7-8 and Hebrews 9:22)*

*(See Revelation 1:5-6 and Hebrews 2:14-15)*

*(See 1 John 3:5 and John 1:29)*

*(See John 12:44-46)*

*(See Galatians 3:13)*

What effect has Jesus' death had on your sin?

Is the fear of death a concern to you? Why or why not?

## Notes

### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

*1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.*

*Romans 3:23-26 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

*Hebrews 10:9-10 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

*1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

### **More Definitions and Explanations**

*See Mark 10:45 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6*

**Ransom** refers to the price paid to deliver from a penalty.

*See 1 Timothy 2:5-6*

The **one mediator**, the man Christ Jesus, was the negotiator or peacemaker who came between God and men and made a personal relationship for men with God possible. He is the guarantee that satisfies God's requirements.

*See Hebrews 10:9-10 and Romans 3:23-26*

The **sacrifice**, the price required by God for our cleansing from sin, was provided by God through Jesus.

*See 1 Peter 2:24*

**Righteousness** is the character or quality of being right or just.

*See Romans 3:23-26*

**Justified** means to be declared righteous and found not guilty even though we are.

**Atonement** refers specifically to the reconciliation between God and humanity effected by the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

**Forbearance** refers to God's patience expressed in God's willingness to hold back judgment for a time. It does not mean that God condones sin, but that God gives opportunity for repentance.

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### More Questions

16b. What did Christ Jesus come to do? (*See Mark 10:45 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6*)

16c. Who was sacrificed for your sin? (*See Romans 3:23-26 and Hebrews 10:9-10 and 1 Peter 2:24*)

What difference does it make to you?

Have you received all that God has provided for you? What have you received from God through Jesus?

Share one new thing you have learned about Jesus from this lesson.

## Notes

### More verses from the Holy Bible

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

*Hebrews 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

*Titus 2:12-14 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

*Ephesians 5:1-2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*



## More Definitions and Explanations

*See John 3:16*

**Eternal** means everlasting, without end.

*See Hebrews 9:14*

**Unblemished** means, without sin, shame, or moral disgrace; perfect.

*See Titus 2:12-14*

**Purify** means to cleanse from defilement.

## Notes

## More Questions

16d. According to these verses what do we have as a result of Jesus' death on the cross?

*(See John 3:16)*

*(See 2 Corinthians 5:21)*

*(See 2 Corinthians 8:9)*

*(See Hebrews 10:9-10)*

*(See Hebrews 9:14)*

Of all that God offers through Jesus what do you like more than anything else?

What simple step must you take to have eternal life?

What do you think it means to believe in him (Jesus)?

16e. How then should we live? *(See Ephesians 5:1-2 and Titus 2:12-14)*

16f. What is the blessed hope of a Christian? *(See Titus 2:12-14)*

Is this hope a reality to you?

## KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS Lesson Seventeen

The purpose of this lesson is to discover what happened to Jesus after his death on the cross. These truths are found throughout the Holy Bible

### **Verses from the Holy Bible**

*John 20:1-9 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other*

*disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb, He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)*

### **Questions**

17a. What did Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the other disciple (John) find when they went to the tomb of Jesus on the first day of the week? (See John 20:1-9)

What would you think if you went to the tomb of a good friend, found it open and the body missing?

### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*John 20:10-18 Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my*

*brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.*

### **More Questions**

17b. Did Mary Magdalene and Peter immediately believe that Jesus had risen from the dead? *(See John 20:1-9 and John 20:10-18)*

17c. What did Mary say to Peter and John and to the two angels?  
*(See John 20:1-9 and John 20:10-18)*

17d. How did Mary recognize Jesus when He appeared to her?  
*(See John 20:10-18)*

17e. What did Mary say to the disciples after Jesus appeared to her?  
*(See John 20:10-18)*

### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*John 20:19-23 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

*John 20:24-25* Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

### **More Questions**

17f. How did the disciples respond when Jesus appeared to them?  
(See *John 20:19-23*)

How would you feel if your friend who had been buried appeared to you alive?

17g. How did Thomas respond when the disciples told him they had seen the Lord? (See *John 20:24-25*)

### **Notes**

#### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*John 20:26-29* A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop

*doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

### **More Questions**

17h. How did Thomas respond when Jesus appeared to him?

*(See John 20:26-29)*

17i. How did Jesus respond to Thomas' confession of faith?

*(See John 20:26-29)*

17j. What thoughts would have gone through your mind if you had been with Mary and the disciples?

Do you believe Jesus was raised from the dead? Please explain.

### **Notes**

## **KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS**

## Lesson Eighteen

The purpose of this lesson is to discover what took place after the resurrection of Jesus. These truths are found throughout the Holy Bible.

### Verses from the Holy Bible

*1 Corinthians 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, ...*

*1 Corinthians 15:3-8 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

*Acts 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.*

*1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

*Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.*

### Definitions and Explanations

*See 1 Corinthians 15:3-8*

**Fallen asleep** means they died.

*See Acts 4:33*

**Apostle** refers to one sent by God with a message.

*See 1 Peter 1:3*

**A living hope** refers to the sure fulfillment of God's promises.

*See Acts 4:33 and 1 Peter 1:3 and Philippians 3:10*

**Resurrection of Jesus** refers to Jesus' rising from the dead.

## Questions

- 18a. What did the writer of 1 Corinthians (apostle Paul) say about Christ? (*See 1 Corinthians 15:20*)
- 18b. What is of first importance according to the scriptures? (*See 1 Corinthians 15:3-8*)
- 18c. According to 1 Corinthians, who saw Jesus after He rose from the dead? (*See 1 Corinthians 15:3-8*)
- 18d. What did the apostles do after Jesus rose from the dead? (*See Acts 4:33*)
- 18e. What do we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? (*See 1 Peter 1:3*)
- 18f. What was the apostle Paul's greatest desire? (*See Philippians 3:10*)

## Notes



### **More verses from the Holy Bible**

*Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*Acts 1:8-11 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

*Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*John 14:1-3 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

*Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

### **More Definitions and Explanations**

*See Romans 10:9*

**Saved** means delivered from the shame and guilt of sin, the penalty of sin, and the power of sin.

### **More Questions**

- 18g. What must you do to be saved? (*See Romans 10:9*)
- 18h. What happened to Jesus after he told the disciples they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them?  
(*See Acts 1:8-11*)
- 18i. Why did God exalt Jesus to the highest place?  
(*See Philippians 2:9-11*)
- 18j. What is Jesus doing in heaven now? (*See John 14:1-3*)
- 18k. How should we respond to the fact that Jesus has entered heaven?  
(*See Hebrews 4:14*)
- 18l. If God were to ask you, “Why should I let you into my heaven?”  
how would you answer?

## Notes

# KNOWING GOD THROUGH JESUS

### Summary

The book of John closes with this verse, “Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.” Let’s review what we have discovered about God in these lessons about Jesus and our relationship to Him.

First, we discovered that the birth of Jesus was a miraculous birth; born of a virgin and conceived by the Holy Spirit of God, the gift of God to save us from our sins.

Second, we discovered that several details regarding the birth of Christ were prophesied hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus and were fulfilled exactly at His birth. This amazing phenomenon should capture our attention.

Third, we discovered that Jesus restored sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, cured a leper, caused the deaf to hear, and raised a man from the dead! He obviously is more than a prophet.

Fourth, we discovered why Jesus did many other miracles such as turning water into wine, calming a storm by rebuking the wind, feeding over five thousand men besides women and children with five loaves of bread and two small fish, or walking on water, to display the power of God.

