

**Key Scripture:** 

Philippians 3:8 NLT

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...

#### Resurrected but unknown.

Luke 24:13-16 NKJV

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that *they did not know Him*.

## What keeps us from knowing Jesus?

✓ We think we know it all.

Luke 24:18 CEV

Then the one named Cleopas asked Jesus, "Are you the only person from Jerusalem who didn't know what was happening there these last few days?"

1 Corinthians 8:1 NLT

while *knowledge makes us feel important*, it is love that strengthens the church

✓ We look for Him in the wrong places.

Luke 24:4-5 CEV

4 Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them.
5 The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said,
"Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive?

✓ We lose hope.

Luke 24:21 NLT

<u>We had hoped</u> He was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel.

This all happened three days ago.

✓ We live by <u>seeing</u> and not by believing.

Luke 24:24 NASU

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but *Him they did not see*.

2 Corinthians 5:7 NLT

For we live by **believing** and **not by seeing**.

Notes:

# **Knowing JESUS**

#### Is Alive!

### **Knowing Jesus Is Alive**

1. You don't have to know Jesus to talk to Him.

Luke 24:15 NKJV

...while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

2. Trust His words to be true.

Matthew 16:21 NLT

From then on <u>Jesus began to tell His disciples plainly</u> that it was necessary for Him to go to Jerusalem, and that He would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law.

He would be killed, but on the third day He would be raised from the dead.

Luke 24:25-27 CEV

25 Then Jesus asked the two disciples,

"Why can't you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said? 26 Didn't you know that the Messiah would have to suffer before He was given His glory?"

27 Jesus then explained everything written about Himself in the Scriptures,

beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets.

## 3. Invite Jesus into your life.

Luke 24:28-29 NLT 30-31 CEV

28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey.

Jesus acted as if He were going on, 29 but they begged Him,

"Stay the night with us, since it is getting late. "So He went home with them.

30 After Jesus sat down to eat, He took some bread. He blessed it and broke it.

Then He gave it to them. 31 At once they knew who He was, but He disappeared.

Revelation 3:20 NLT

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. <u>If you hear My voice and open the door,</u>

I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

## 4. Find a place to belong that welcomes the presence of Jesus!

Luke 24:33-36 NIV

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.

<u>There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together</u> 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread.

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."