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THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

Scripture: Philippians 3:10-14

Introduction CHRISTIANITY NOT A RELIGION BUT A REASONSHIP

History records no less than 15 men who are reputed to have been born of virgins, lived exemplary lives, and who were tried by a mob, and subsequently executed. Fourteen of these have been swept away into obscurity and the name of only one remains, for only the name of Jesus has been able to bring about the changes in a human life sufficiently to merit his memory.

Why is this? Of him was recorded in John 1:14:

And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

John the Baptist knew him as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."

John 1:29

It is important that we come to know Jesus Christ personally as our savior and king.

I. Who to know--Christ the Savior

A. Mistaken views of Jesus

- 1. Jew--a heretic and false prophet
- 2. Philosopher--freethinker with radical ideas
- 3. Politician--Statesman who made enemies in the powerful ruling class

B. True picture

1. Son of God

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17

2. God's sacrifice

...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8

The OT we were told "just the facts," which will date to our to know Jesus

THE DISCIPLES SOUGHT CHRIST AND WHEN
THEY FOUND HIM SAID, ALL MEN SEEK FORTH
MARK 1: 37

- I. Who to know
- B. True picture
- 3. World's Savior

...for we have heard him ourselves,
and know that this is indeed the Christ,
the Savior of the world.

John 4:42

II. How to know him

A. Power of his resurrection

- 1. The resurrection is the key to Christianity. For Christianity alone has a living founder. Confucius is dead, Mohammed is dead, Buddha is dead, but Jesus Christ lives today.

Meaning of resurrection is two fold.

(1) Physical resurrection of not the body.

(2) But the death of the old man we become new creatures in Christ

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen
And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

The memory of Christ's resurrection enabled Peter to be crucified, John to be boiled in oil, James to be beheaded, Thomas to be killed in India

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

I Corinthians 15:13, 17-20

B. Fellowship of his suffering

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

- 1. Wounded-transgressions
 - a. ~~Sword~~ ^{Sword} in his side
 - b. Failure to regard God's comandments

II. How to know him

B. Fellowship of his sufferings

2. Bruised--iniquities
 - a. Face smitten, beard plucked out
 - b. Life of self indulgence, sinfulness
3. Chastised--peace

515 Remembrance
in Zussorville

- a. Crown of thorns, stricken with reed
- b. That I might enjoy peace ...**which passeth all understanding.**
4. Stripes--Healing

- a. Beaten with cat of nine tails
- b. That I might receive healing

C. Being made conformable unto his death

1. Christ's death paid for sin
2. We must die to sin

- a. Paul said, **"I die daily."**

I Corinthians 15:31

- b. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race which is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Our death is
a means to
resurrection

III. Perfecting that knowledge

A. Forget past life

B. Attain God's fullness

1. Salvation

2. Baptism in Holy Spirit
3. Daily communion with God

CONDITIONING

- a. Prayer
- b. Bible study

C. Run the race

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

D. Receive the prize

1. Crown of righteousness
2. Live eternally with Jesus Christ

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
CONDITIONING IN LIFE