
I Want YOU to Meet Jesus!

- **He is someone you should know.**
- **He is someone who knows you.**
- **He is able to save you from your sins.**

In Bible times some men came to Philip, one of the disciples, and said, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Perhaps you are like them. Would you like to meet Jesus?

I cannot bring you face-to-face with Jesus for a personal conversation, but I can lead you to Him. I can show you where He is today. Let me introduce Him to you.

Jesus first came to me in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism when I was a baby. Like all people, I was born sinful. But in Baptism He washed my sins away and sealed me for everlasting salvation. He joined His promise of forgiveness to the water, and gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring me to faith and keep me in it (Acts 2:38). Jesus is there in Baptism. Have you been baptized?

As I grew older, I came to know Jesus through the eyewitness stories of His life recorded by His followers in the Bible. My parents read these Bible

stories to me, and I learned them in church and in a Christian school. I came to know Jesus as the One who loves the hungry, sick, disabled, outcast, captive, and bereaved. He was the friend of sinners. He is your friend too.

I came to know Jesus also as the only-begotten Son of God—the Second Person of the Holy Trinity—God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God as the church confesses in the Nicene Creed. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him (Matthew 28:18).

I came to know Jesus as both true Man and true God, the One who gave His life on the cross to save sinners like you and me. I know Him also as the One who broke the grave open to rise from death. It is described so vividly in the Bible. It is as real to me as if I were there when He appeared to the disciples and when He ascended to heaven. Jesus is there in the Word of God, the Bible.

When I was instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran church, I came to know Jesus as the One who is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament of the Altar (Matthew 26:26–28). He is there among us to forgive sins and strengthen our faith. Jesus is there in Holy Communion. Don’t you want to meet Him at the altar?

As time has passed, I have come to know Jesus as a loving Friend, trustworthy Guide, and understanding Counselor. But most of all, He is the Son of God whom I worship. He is my Savior from sin and death. I am His, for He bought me with His own precious blood.

I want you to know Jesus as I know Him.

Where Can You Find Jesus?

You can meet Him at church—in a congregation where the Word of God is taught in truth and purity and where the Sacraments are administered according to Christ’s command. Jesus is present there to meet sinful people in this world today. As He Himself said long ago, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20).

When you repent of your sins and come to faith in Christ, you will find that He will dwell in your heart by faith (Ephesians 3:17).

Jesus says this to you: “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke

upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:27–30).

Jesus is someone you *must* know, for He knows you. He says, "I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. . . . My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:14–15, 27–28).

To want Jesus is to have Him. Those who desire to believe have already come to faith. Those who know Jesus—who are saved by grace through faith in Christ—confess their faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. Dear friend, won't you say these words with me?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from
the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



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