

Today's Theme

So, Am I Following Jesus? "1st Proof: We Know Him"

Series Title

"Making Much of Jesus"

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1. *Proving we know him in real ways.*

How To Prove It

(1) Hand over my *will & life* to know Jesus.

(2) We're *focused & passionate* about Him.

(3) We spend *time & energy* on Him.

(4) We have a *track record of knowing* Him.

2. To *know Jesus is an ongoing pursuit.*

(1) Jesus is the *gospel message*.

Mark 1:15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Acts 5:42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

(2) Jesus is *peace* and can *give it to us*.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

(3) Jesus is *joy* and has it to *share with us*.

Matt 2:10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. John 15:10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

(4) Jesus is *grace* and *offers it to us*.

Matt 8:3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

Luke 22:51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

(5) Jesus *loves us no matter what*.

Matt 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

(6) Jesus *wants to be our friend*.

John 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

(7) Jesus has *power in His name*.

John 13:3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;