



*What if we could step back in time and uncover the headlines about Jesus—His teachings, miracles, and life-changing impact? "Knowing Jesus" takes us through the Gospel of Luke like a historical archive, revealing the truth of who Jesus is and what He came to do. Each week, we'll explore His story, moving beyond familiarity into a deeper understanding of the Savior who lived, loved, and gave His life for us all.*

### ***Living Ready –March 9, 2025***

1. **Living Ready: What Does It Mean? Read Luke 12:35-40.** Jesus tells His disciples to be “dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning.” What does this imagery mean? What does it look like to live with spiritual alertness in our daily lives?
2. **Read Exodus 12:11.** God told the Israelites to eat the Passover meal fully dressed and ready to leave. How does this moment in the Exodus story parallel Jesus' call to readiness in Luke 12? What does it mean for us to live with our hearts “packed and ready” today?
3. **Citizens of Heaven: How Does That Shape Our Lives? Read Philippians 3:20.** Paul reminds us that our “citizenship is in heaven” and that we should eagerly await Christ’s return. How does knowing that your true citizenship is in heaven change the way you live on earth?
4. **God’s Timing: Why the Delay? Read 2 Peter 3:9.** This verse explains why Jesus hasn’t returned yet—because of His patience and desire for people to repent. How does this challenge us when we grow weary of waiting? How can we use the waiting period to grow in faithfulness?
5. **The Surprise Factor: Are We Ready? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.** Paul describes Jesus’ return as coming “like a thief in the night.” What are some ways people today live unprepared for Christ’s return? What are practical ways we can live as “children of the light” instead?
6. **Read Acts 1:9-11.** After Jesus ascended, the disciples just stood there staring at the sky until angels reminded them of their mission. How do we sometimes get caught just “staring at the sky” in our spiritual lives? What does it look like to live actively ready for Jesus’ return?
7. **The Best is Yet to Come.** The fork story at the end of the sermon reminds us that “the best is yet to come.” How does knowing that Jesus will return to fulfill **every promise** impact the way we handle struggles, disappointments, or fears in this life? How can this hope shape our daily decisions?