



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.

One Thing You Lack – April 6, 2025

- 1. Recognizing the Good God** - *See Luke 18:19 and Matthew 7:21–23.* The rich young ruler refers to Jesus as "Good Teacher," but Jesus challenges him to see who He truly is. How does recognizing Jesus as the Son of God impact our relationship with Him?
- 2. The Cost of Following Jesus** - *See Luke 18:22–25.* Jesus tells the rich young ruler that following Him means releasing what holds our hearts. What are the "things" in your life that you might need to release to follow Jesus fully?
- 3. The Challenge of Wealth and Comfort** - *See Luke 18:25 and Matthew 6:19–21.* Jesus uses the image of a camel going through the eye of a needle to describe the challenge for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God. How does comfort or reliance on wealth prevent us from fully trusting in God?
- 4. Living by Grace, Not Perfection** - *See Luke 18:27 and Ephesians 2:8–9.* Many of us struggle with the question, "Have I done enough?" In what ways does the gospel offer freedom from the pressure of perfection? How does this shape your view of salvation?
- 5. Focusing on the Heart, Not Just the Rules** - *See Matthew 23:23 and 1 Corinthians 15:3.* Reflecting on the tension in our lives and churches around precision obedience, how can we focus on the gospel's core message—grace, love, and transformation—without getting distracted by lesser matters?
- 6. The Reward of Sacrifice for the Kingdom** - *See Luke 18:29–30 and Mark 10:29–31.* Jesus promises eternal life and a reward for those who give up their attachments to follow Him. How does this promise encourage you to surrender what's holding you back?
- 7. Receiving What You Cannot Earn** - *See Luke 18:26–27.* The rich young ruler thought eternal life could be earned through his own actions. How does Jesus' message about receiving eternal life as a gift challenge the way you think about salvation?