



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.

The Jesus I Didn't Expect - April 13, 2025

1. **The Triumphal Entry and Misguided Expectations** - See Luke 19:28-40. What were the crowds expecting from Jesus during His Triumphal Entry, and how did their expectations differ from His true mission? How do we sometimes misinterpret or misapply our expectations of Jesus today?
2. **Misunderstanding Jesus' Mission** - See Luke 9:22. Peter struggled to understand that Jesus' mission involved suffering and death. How do our own expectations of Jesus sometimes conflict with His true mission? How can we learn to embrace Jesus' mission more fully, especially when it challenges our personal desires or understanding?
3. **Embracing Rejection as Part of the Mission** - See Luke 19:41-44. Why did Jesus embrace rejection, and how did His rejection lead to the redemption of the world? How can we respond to rejection in our own lives in a way that aligns with Jesus' example?
4. **The Death of a Seed and the Growth of Jesus' Kingdom** See Luke 19:41-44. Jesus' rejection and death were part of God's plan to bring new life to the world. How can the image of a seed dying to produce new growth help us understand the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice?
5. **The Weeping King** - See Luke 19:41-44. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because they fail to recognize the time of God's visitation. How does this moment of sorrow challenge our understanding of God's heart for us? Are there areas in our lives where we may be blind to God's visitation?
6. **Living with the "Jesus We Didn't Expect"** - See Luke 19:40. The people wanted a conquering king, but Jesus came as a humble King. How does this contrast challenge the way we follow Jesus today? How might our expectations need to shift to align with His true mission?
7. **True Discipleship Through Sacrifice** - See Luke 19:40. Jesus tells the Pharisees that if His disciples were silent, the stones would cry out. How does this statement reflect the inevitability of God's truth being proclaimed? In what ways can we ensure that our lives continue to proclaim His truth, especially when facing opposition or difficult circumstances?