



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.

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1. **Reflect on this question:** How does the timing of Jesus' birth in **Luke 2:1-7** reveal God's perfect plan for humanity? How does this challenge your understanding of God's sovereignty in your life? Read **Galatians 4:4-5**. How does this passage expand on the significance of God's timing for sending Jesus?
2. **IDENTIFYING JESUS AS SAVIOR:** What does the title "Savior" in **Luke 2:11** mean for you personally? Read Matthew 1:21. How does knowing Jesus is the Savior shape your daily decisions?
3. **Is Jesus the Christ in your life?** In **Luke 2:11**, Jesus is called the "Christ." How does this title connect with your understanding of Jesus as the promised Deliverer? Read **John 1:41** and **John 4:25-26**. How do these passages reveal how Jesus fulfilled the expectations of the Messiah?
4. **Jesus is Lord:** What does it mean for you to accept Jesus as Lord as described in **Luke 2:11**? How does this title impact your life? Read **Philippians 2:9-11**. How should the truth of Jesus being Lord influence your attitude toward obedience?
5. **THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM:** How does Jesus' humble birth in a stable contrast with the grandeur of earthly rulers like Caesar Augustus? Read **1 Corinthians 1:27-29**. How do these verses reshape your understanding of power and success?
6. **God's Heart for the Marginalized:** Why did God announce Jesus' birth to shepherds, the marginalized of society? Read **Luke 4:18** and **James 2:5**. How do these passages reflect God's heart for the overlooked?
7. **Responding to the Gospel:** The angels proclaimed peace on earth in **Luke 2:14**. What does this peace mean for you, and how should you respond to the gospel? Read **Acts 17:30-31** and **Mark 1:15**. How do these passages call us to repent and believe in the good news?