



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.

Life in the Upside-Down – February 2, 2025

1. **Redefining Blessing: Read Luke 6:20-26.** Jesus redefines blessing in a way that challenges our usual understanding. How does Jesus' view of blessing differ from the world's? What makes it hard to embrace His "upside-down" blessings?
2. **Loving the Unlovable: Read Luke 6:27-36.** Jesus commands us to love our enemies and do good to those who mistreat us. Think about Robin's illustration of the little boy teaching his sister about pain. Why is retaliation such a natural response? How does Jesus' teaching call us to something radically different?
3. **Judging with Grace: Read Luke 6:37-38.** The way we judge others will be the measure used for us. Reflect on the proverb Robin mentioned: "Fault finding is like window washing; the dirt always seems to be on the other side." How do you see this playing out in your own life? What practical steps can we take to be more gracious and less critical?
4. **Clearing Your Vision: Read Luke 6:41-42.** Jesus uses the vivid image of a plank in our own eye to warn against hypocrisy in judgment. Robin used the upside-down goggles as an illustration—how does our perspective get distorted when we focus on others' faults rather than our own? How can we develop a clearer, more Christ-like view of ourselves and others?
5. **Building on the Right Foundation: Read Luke 6:47-49.** Jesus contrasts two builders—one who digs deep and builds on rock, and another who builds on shifting sand. What are some false foundations people build on? How can we ensure our lives are firmly built on Christ?
6. **Recognizing True Fruit: Read Luke 6:43-45.** Robin mentioned that false teachers are often difficult to detect because their foundations are hidden. What kind of "fruit" should we look for in ourselves and others to determine whether we are truly living by Kingdom values?
7. **Living What We Profess: Read Luke 6:46.** Jesus asks, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Looking back at the four upside-down principles (blessing, love, judgment, foundation), which one is the hardest for you to live out? What is one practical way you can begin applying Jesus' words more fully in your life this week?