

# JESUS KNOWS THE REAL YOU

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“Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.”

John 2:23-25

God knows us even better than we know ourselves. He knows our thoughts, our hearts, our motives, and our desires. He knows when we are sincere and when we are being hypocritical. Many people were attracted by the miracles of Jesus and apparently believed Him to be the Messiah. But, what He knew about them caused Him not to commit Himself to them. He knew that they were only interested in His physical miracles and not in His spiritual kingdom in their hearts.

There is a vast difference between believing in Jesus and trusting in Him for salvation. These people “believed in his name,” but they were not saved. Jesus did not “commit himself unto them” because He knew they were not sincerely coming to Him in faith. Many people fit into this category. They know who Jesus is and recognize what He has done. They are impressed with and would like to benefit from His miraculous power. They are not, however, interested in following Him. It is one thing to want Jesus to do something for you, yet another thing to want Him to do something in you.

A person is not saved who does not come to Jesus in repentance and have sincere faith in Him. It is essential for us to understand that God knows us thoroughly. This

basic reality makes hypocrisy so foolish. God cannot be deceived. A hypocrite may deceive men, but the Lord cannot be fooled. There is nothing about us that He does not know. We do not have to, nor could we impress Him because He knows what is in us. For some, this may be a disconcerting thought. But to those who love Him, who sincerely want His kingdom in their lives, it is comforting to know that He knows us.

When we faithfully serve Him, He knows it is not to try to win His favor. It is simply because we want to please Him. When we fail Him, we know that He knows our hearts. He knows those who love Him. He knows those who truly want to follow Him and serve Him with their lives. We can be honest and transparent before the Lord because He knows the real person that we are.

### **Let's Pray**

Dear heavenly father, thank you for your word today. I pray that this devotional has blessed the person reading this and that the Holy Spirit will continue to speak to his or her heart. I ask this in Jesus name. Amen