



BALLARAT & CENTRAL HIGHLANDS CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST PRINCIPLES | STUDY 2 OF 11

Knowing Jesus

A self-guided Bible study. Read the passages for yourself, then write down your own answers, questions and conclusions.

This week

Day 1: Who is Jesus?

Day 2: What mattered to Jesus?

Day 3: Jesus and Nicodemus

Day 4: What does Jesus claim about Himself?

Day 5: The way to the Father

Day 6: Watch Jesus with people

Day 7: What kind of person is Jesus?

Who is Jesus?

Read

- John 1:1 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- John 1:14 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Think about it

1. What claims does John make about Jesus?
2. What does it mean that 'the Word became flesh'?
3. How is Jesus described in verse 14?
4. What questions do these verses raise for you?

For yourself

Who do I currently think Jesus is? Why?

What mattered to Jesus?

Read

- John 2:13-17 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Think about it

1. What does Jesus see happening?
2. How does He respond?
3. What appears to matter deeply to Him?
4. Does anything in this picture of Jesus surprise you?

For yourself

What does this passage add to my picture of Jesus?

Jesus and Nicodemus

Read

- John 3:1-16 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- John 7:50-51 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- John 19:38-39 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Think about it

1. What do you learn about Nicodemus when he first meets Jesus?
2. What does Jesus challenge him to understand?
3. How does Nicodemus appear later in John's Gospel?
4. What seems to have changed?

For yourself

What might cause someone's view of Jesus to change over time?

What questions about Jesus would I like to keep exploring, and how could I investigate them?

What does Jesus claim about Himself?

Read

- John 6:35 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- John 8:12 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- John 10:11 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- John 11:25 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Think about it

1. What images does Jesus use to describe Himself?
2. What does each image suggest?
3. Are these ordinary claims for a religious teacher to make?
4. What do you think Jesus wanted His listeners to conclude?

For yourself

Which of Jesus' descriptions of Himself speaks most directly to a need in my life? How might I respond?

The way to the Father

Read

- John 14:1-6 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Think about it

1. What does Jesus tell His followers not to do?
2. What hope does He give them?
3. What does Jesus say about Himself in verse 6?
4. What do you think that claim means?

For yourself

If Jesus' claims are true, what difference would that make?

What would trusting Jesus as the way to the Father mean for my own choices?

Watch Jesus with people

Read

- John 4:1-42 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Think about it

1. How does Jesus treat the woman?
2. What does He know about her?
3. What difficult subjects does He discuss honestly?
4. Why does she eventually tell other people about Him?
5. How do their attitudes towards Jesus change?

For yourself

What could I learn from the way Jesus treats this woman, and how could I put that into practice?

What kind of person is Jesus?

Read

- Hebrews 2:17-18 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- Hebrews 4:15-16 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)
- 1 John 2:5-6 - [Read NIV on YouVersion](#)

Look back

1. What have you learned about Jesus this week?
2. What do you admire?
3. What troubles or puzzles you?
4. Do you want to know Him better? Why or why not?

For yourself

What is one way I could follow Jesus' example this week? What help might I need?