

## Knowing God

John 1:1-18; Matthew 1:22-23

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Luke 17:11-19

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*John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

How do we know God?

1. God revealed himself by **creation** (In Jesus)
  - a. Jesus is **God** John 1:1-2
  - b. Jesus is **Creator** John 1:3
  - c. Jesus is **life and light** John 1:4
2. God introduced himself in a **cradle** (in Jesus) John 1:14
  - a. Because of the cradle we know God is **real** Colossians 1:15-17
  - b. Because of the cradle we know God is **relational** - John 1:12-13
  - c. Because of the cradle we know God is **relevant** - John 1:17-18; Matthew 1:22-23
3. God sacrificed himself **on a cross** (In Jesus)
  - a. *Philippians 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
4. God presented himself **with a crown** (In Jesus)
  - a. *Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*
  - b. *Philippians 2:9-10 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

So why is this so important?

- Jesus came down **so we could go up.**
- Jesus became like us **so that we could be like him.**
- Jesus left his home **so we could have a home**
- Jesus kept the law so **we could be free from the law** (of sin and death)
- Jesus died on the cross **so we could live forever.**