

Matthew 4:23-25

The Famous One

Jesus ...

I. Celebrity Yesterday

- A. Fascination
- B. Following
- C. Faith

II. The Real Jesus

- A. Historical
- B. Transcendent
- C. Knowable

III. Popular Today

- A. Simply Familiar
- B. Flippancy
- D. Fury
- E. Affection
- F. Faith

... forever.

Children, Listen ...

1. What was it that made so many people interested in Jesus?
2. Can you list 3 things that are very important to know about Jesus?
3. Do you think that everyone who was interested in Jesus knew who He really was?
4. What is the difference between just knowing who Jesus is and putting your faith in Him?
5. Have you put your faith in Jesus?

Accurate Info – True Faith

It would be foolish dispute the suggestion that Jesus is the most famous human to have ever walked the earth. He became popular in His area in His day very quickly and his popularity has spread down through history and covering most of the world. But there is a vast difference between being familiar with the person of Jesus and believing in Him. There are too many manufactured versions of Jesus to count. But there is only one view of Jesus that is reliable and there is only one way to respond to Him that will do a soul any good. What we need to know about the true Jesus is plainly spelled out for us in the Word of God. The only appropriate response to Him is to trust in Him as the only Savior and to submit to Him as Lord of our life. We are in the book of Matthew, but the author would wholly concur with the apostle John who summarizes the purpose of his Gospel this way: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31 Jesus makes a claim then asks Martha a question about this kind of authentic faith. How do you answer? *“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”* John 11:25-26