

Why They Wept and Why They Rejoiced

John 16:19-20 “A little while and you will not see me... truly, truly I say to you, you will weep and lament.”

John 20:11 “But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.”

What it Means to “Know” God

Ephesians 1:18-20 “[I pray that] you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand...”

What Jesus Did to Make it Possible to Know God

John 17:1 “The hour has come.”

John 17:2 “You have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.”

John 17:4 “[I] accomplished the work that you gave me to do.”

Colossians 2:13-14 “God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

Why We Should Know God

John 17:1 “Glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you.”

John 17:5 “And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you.”

John 17:10 “All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.”

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Do you know God personally? What is it like for you to experience his hope and his power in your life?
2. How does it *feel* to know that Jesus has given you eternal life?
3. Do you sometimes struggle to believe that your sins are nailed to the cross? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe in Jesus only for yourself, or also to glorify God? Why should you live for his glory?