

Jesus Said That, Pt. 2
“Depart From Me”
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2 Corinthians 13:5a NLT *“Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves.”*

Jesus invites us to ask the most important question we will ever answer, “Do I truly know Him?”

Matthew 7:21-23 NIV *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”*

1. A Terrible Surprise

Verse 21 reveals a shocking truth. Not that there are people who are lost, but that there will be people who stand before Jesus and didn’t know they were.

Jesus isn’t describing obvious unbelief, but misplaced confidence.

There is a drastic difference in knowing about Jesus and truly knowing Him.

James 2:19 NLT *“You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. God for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.”*

Is my confidence resting in knowing Jesus and being known by Him, or in my religious experience and knowledge?

2. Impressive Doesn’t Equal Intimate

Matthew 7:22-23 NIV *“Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name, perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”*

Jesus wasn’t impressed with their accomplishments; He addressed their relationship.

Your works, no matter how good they may be, do not lead to salvation.

John 17:3 NLT *“And this is the way to have eternal life-to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.”*

3. The Danger of Substituting Activity for Intimacy

Revelation 2:4 NIV *"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first."*

John 15:5 NIV *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

4. The Evidence of Truly Knowing Jesus

Ephesians 2:8 NLT *"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."*

The direction of one's life who is in Christ reflects the work of Christ within them.

Have I surrendered my life completely to Jesus? Is He truly Lord of my life or am I just calling Him Lord?

Final Questions to Consider

- Do I know Jesus or do I simply know about Jesus?
- Is my confidence in what Jesus has done or in What I have done?
- Is my relationship with Jesus growing?
- Is the Holy Spirit producing fruit in my life?
- If Jesus examined my heart today, what would He find?