

# Who is Jesus? | to know him is to love him

## Architect and Builder

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*  
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**Review:** What do you remember about Martin Luther and the “high tower”?

**Introduction:** “Do you love me?” It’s the question at the heart of life. Jesus asked it. For Jesus the story of our lives is the story of our loves. So what do we love most? And what is most worthy of our love? Those who first knew him and saw him risen from the dead became convinced that the answer must be: Jesus. They knew how much he loved them, and they loved him. Their lives and their world were transformed by that love. But how can we love him today? How can our hearts be awakened and reshaped by love for him? We begin by getting to know him. To know him is to love him. The New Testament epistle to the Hebrews has been called “the fifth gospel” because it presents rich images of Jesus not on earth but in his ongoing heavenly ministry. These images not only tell us what he does but – who he is. It’s good news that gives us great hope and rekindles our affections for so great a Savior.

This week we see Jesus as an Architect and Builder.

**Pray:** LORD, we ask tonight to understand the image presented of Jesus as an Architect and Builder. Amen.

**Read:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

### **Discussion:**

1. How does our faith help us to understand the mystery of the universe being formed at God’s word (command)?

What words would you use (other than architect and builder) to describe what God did?

2. Abraham “obeyed and went”, even though he did not know where he was going. Have you ever had a time which was similar (perhaps not as extreme) which could help you relate to Abraham?
3. What is the city with foundations whose architect and builder is God?

Read Revelation 21:2,14. Is this something we actually look forward to?

4. How does our faith enable us to become far more than what the world and our culture sees?
5. We are characterized in the text as aliens and strangers on earth. Do you long for a better country, a heavenly one?

Again, God speaks of a city – does Jesus call us to build a “city” of believers in the midst of the city in which we live before we more see the new city?

**Application:** This week let our faith help us to live more fully and completely.

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, we are grateful for tonight’s reminder of faith – being sure of what we hope for in you and certain of what we do not see. Amen