

The Word became flesh  
Part 2

The playfulness of Jesus  
and the poison of religion  
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Did you know that Jesus...

- Never had one \_\_\_\_\_ encounter with a “pagan”
- Was frequently embroiled in \_\_\_\_\_ – with the religious leaders
- Only hostile experiences were with the “\_\_\_\_\_ establishment”
- The only name-calling Jesus did was about religious \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 3:1-6

So the Deceiver deceives by means of \_\_\_\_\_, and his favorite tool is to present a distorted \_\_\_\_\_

The problem with being deceived is this:  
You don't know that you have been \_\_\_\_\_

Religion gives the \_\_\_\_\_ of having Christ, while it inoculates you from experiencing the real thing.

Matthew 7:22-24

Matthew 13:24-30

Knowing Jesus

1. Jesus wants me to know him as a \_\_\_\_\_

When I know Jesus personally, I will see that he is:  
Playful, fierce, impatient with all that is religious, kind, creative, irreverent, humble and funny.

If I don't know Jesus like this – I have been \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jesus wants me to know him \_\_\_\_\_, daily, in these very ways.

When I know Jesus intimately, I will experience:

- The comfort of his presence
- The thrill of hearing his voice speaking to me

If I don't know Jesus like this – I have been \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jesus wants me to know his \_\_\_\_\_ life.

When I experience his life in me, I will see that he can:

- Reshape my \_\_\_\_\_
- Heal my \_\_\_\_\_
- Enable me to \_\_\_\_\_ as he did

If I don't know Jesus like this – I have been \_\_\_\_\_

“Jesus, show me who you really are. I pray for the true you. I want the real you. I ask you for you. Spirit of God, free me in every way to know Jesus as he really is. Open my eyes to see him. Deliver me from everything false about Jesus and bring me what is true.”  
Amen.”