Get ready for an exciting, life-changing adventure . . .

Knowing Jesus

Exciting? Life-changing? Without a doubt. Jesus has been changing lives for centuries, bringing true excitement to anyone who allows Him into their life. Forget all you have heard or seen about religion. Religion may bore you, but knowing Jesus never bored anyone. He turns confused wanderers into people of purpose and power. He makes the difference between desert wilderness and garden; between death and life.

Knowing Jesus is for everyone:

Q. "I am searching for truth and want to examine Christianity. How will *Knowing Jesus* help me?"

Knowing Jesus will lead you in a quest for the truth about Jesus. Then, based on what you have discovered, you can choose to believe in Him or not believe in Him.

Q. "I am new in the Christian faith? Will Knowing Jesus help me?"

Knowing Jesus provides two great benefits: you will learn about Jesus and you will learn how to study the Bible at the same time. Nothing is complicated. Everything is written in the easiest possible language and style. You don't have to be a genius, just a learner.

 \mathbf{Q}_{ullet} "I have been a Christian many years and have attended many Bible studies. Can *Knowing Jesus* help me?"

Experienced Christians often have gaps in their understanding and misconceptions in their thinking. *Knowing Jesus* will fill those gaps and clear up those misunderstandings. During development, Diane field-tested this Bible Study with a group of ladies who have been believers in Jesus for an average of twenty years. Those women were so excited with the studies that they encouraged Diane to make it available to everyone, even seasoned Christians like themselves.

Whatever your experience, whatever your age . . .

Knowing Jesus Is for you.



lessons on the life and teaching of the world's most important person

by

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A Word About the Author

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Diane has developed Bible Study material for a wide range of people, from children to adults, in the United States and in other countries.

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God bless you in your quest to Know Jesus.



Directions

It's Christmas Eve and the children are in bed. Mom and Dad get the box from the attic and start putting the bicycle together. We know they should read the directions first. If they don't, when it is assembled they may have a few pieces left over and the bike may not work like it should.

In the same way, many Christians begin their new life without reading the directions first. They may have some pieces left over and their new life may not work like it should.

Knowing Jesus helps in understanding our "Directions", the Bible. **Knowing Jesus** provides guidance and practice in studying the life of Jesus in a chronological way. It is possible to jump right in and begin **Knowing Jesus** without reading these directions. But you will get more out of the study if you take a few minutes now to learn what is available in this book and how to use it.

Daily Lessons:

- **1.** Before beginning any study of the Bible take a minute or two to ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. He delights in unfolding the riches God has placed in His Word.
- **2.** Begin each day's lesson by reading all the verses listed after *Read*, at the top of the page.
- **3.** Read each question and find the answer in the verses mentioned in the heading above that question.
- **4.** After finishing all the questions, be sure to take a moment to read and think about *Today's Thought*. Be sure to make a note of other personal applications of the lesson.

Additional Resources:

- **1.** The *Answers* can be found at the end of each week's lessons. Compare your answers with the author's. The *Answers* are written in very simple English to help in understanding difficult words or concepts. If you want more help, please feel free to ask your pastor, teacher, or mentor for more clarification.
- **2.** Additional Study is a feature of **Knowing Jesus** for more advanced students, teachers, and mentors. Many lessons include a note, "See Additional Study, topic #". After the *Answers* for each week is a page entitled, "Additional Study". Studying the passages listed for the topic will aid understanding the lesson and help prepare you to guide others in their study.
- **3.** Questions for Group Discussion is designed as an aid to teachers for leading weekly discussions of the topics covered. After most questions is one or more numbers in parentheses. These numbers refer to the question numbers for that day's lesson. If the students have difficulty discussing the question, you may refer back to the original question or answer for help. Many questions do not have right or wrong answers, but are intended to help the group discover biblical truths together.
- **4.** Finally, the *Heading Index* is found at the end of the book. This list of all the headings in *Knowing Jesus* is a quick reference guide to the contents. The *Heading Index* is a full chronological listing of the events and teachings of Jesus.

Like on Christmas morning, I hope you are excited to find out what's in the package. This book can be a wonderful way to begin *Knowing Jesus*.

Reading Guide

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Week 1
        Day 1- Luke 1: 1-25
        Day 2- Luke 1: 26-45,56; Matt. 1: 18-25
        Day 3- Luke 1: 57-80
        Day 4- Luke 2: 1-40
        Day 5- Matt. 2: 1- 23; Luke 2: 41-52; Micah 5: 2
Week 2
        Day 1- Matt. 3: 1-6; Luke 3: 1-14; John 1: 19-23
        Day 2- John 1: 24-34; Matt. 3: 11-17
        Day 3- John 3: 22-36; Luke 3: 19-20 & 7: 18-23; Mark 6: 17-29
        Day 4- Mark 1: 13; Luke 4: 1-13; Deut. 6: 13,16 & 8: 3
        Day 5- John 1: 35-51 & 2: 1-11
Week 3
        Day 1- John 2: 13-22; Mark 11: 15-18
        Day 2- John 3: 1-21; Num. 21: 4-9
        Day 3- John 4: 1-42
        Day 4- John 4: 46-54; Matt. 8: 14-17; Luke 4: 38-44 & 5: 12-14
        Day 5- Luke 4: 14-30; Isa. 61: 1-2; Matt. 13: 53-58
Week 4
        Day 1- Luke 4: 31-37 & 5: 1-11
        Day 2- Mark 2: 1-12 & 3: 7-12; Matt. 8: 5-13; Luke 7: 11-16
        Day 3- Matt. 5: 1-48
        Day 4- Matt. 6: 1-34 & 7:1-6
        Day 5- Matt. 7: 7-29
Week 5
        Day 1- Luke 5: 27-32 & 6: 12-16; Matt. 12: 1-13
        Day 2- John 5: 1-47
        Day 3- Matt. 10: 1-42
        Day 4- Matt. 11: 20-30; Luke 7: 36-50 & 8: 1-3
        Day 5- Matt. 12: 22-50
Week 6
        Day 1- Matt. 13: 1-43
        Day 2- Luke 8: 22-56
        Day 3- John 6: 1-15; Matt. 14: 21-36
        Day 4- John 6: 25-68
        Day 5- Mark 7: 1-37
Week 7
        Day 1- Matt. 15: 29-38 & 16: 1-28; Mark 8: 22-26
        Day 2- Matt. 17: 1-13, Mark 9: 14-32
        Day 3- Matt. 17: 24-27 & 18:1-35
        Day 4- John 7: 1, 7, 10, 14-44
        Day 5- John 7: 45-52 & 8: 1-20
Week 8
        Day 1- John 8: 21-59
        Day 2- John 9
        Day 3- John 10
        Day 4- Luke 10: 1-37
        Day 5- Luke 10: 38-42 & 11: 1-36
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Week 9
        Day 1- Luke 11: 37-54 & 12: 13-34
        Day 2- Luke 12: 35-59 & 13: 1-17
        Day 3- Luke 13: 31-35 & 14: 1-35
        Day 4- Luke 15
        Day 5- Luke 16:1-31 & 17:1-10
Week 10
        Day 1- John 11: 1-44
        Day 2- John 11: 45-54; Luke 17: 11-37
        Day 3- Luke 18: 1-30
        Day 4- Matt. 20: 1-43
        Day 5- Luke 19: 1-44
Week 11
        Day 1- Mark 11: 12-14, 20-33 & 12: 1-12; John 12: 20-36
        Day 2- Matt. 22: 15-46
        Day 3- Matt. 23
        Day 4- Matt. 24
        Day 5- Matt. 25
Week 12
        Day 1- Mark 14: 1-11; John 14
        Day 2- John 15: 1-27
        Day 3- John 16: 1-33
        Day 4- John 17: 1-26
        Day 5- Mark 14: 12-17; John 13: 1-30
Week 13
        Day 1- Matt. 26: 26-46, Luke 22: 39-46
        Day 2- Matt. 26:47-75; Luke 22: 51
        Day 3- Matt. 27: 1-31
        Day 4- Matt. 27: 32-66; Luke 23: 32-34, 39-43, 46
        Day 5- Matt. 28: 1-10; John 20: 3-9, 19-29 & 21: 1-14; Luke 24: 45-53
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