

Do you know what I know?

A little context...

- Jesus sends out the 12
- He responds to John the Baptist's doubts
- He is frustrated with the disciples who have seen the miraculous and still don't believe
- He has just thanked the father for hiding things from those who think they are wise and clever
- He thanks the Father for revealing things to those who are childlike

A little context...

- Jesus is Who He says He is
 - The Way, The Truth, The Life
 - The Light of the World
 - The only way to the Father

Matthew 11:27

"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

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"The Father has given me all these things to do and say..." The Message

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The job He is about to describe is His and His alone.

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"Surely we know you, Jesus!"

- Some for a lifetime
- Others for two years or more

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"Surely we know who God is!"

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"know"

-1) to become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly

- a) to know accurately, know well

-2) to know

- a) to recognize (by sight, hearing)
- b) to perceive
- c) to find out, ascertain
- d) to understand

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"This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does..." The Message

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"To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing." Isaiah 40:25-26

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"But I'm not keeping it to myself; I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen." The Message

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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

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 - Faith for my own needs
 - Faith for the needs of those I bring to Him

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 - Time spent together
 - Can't skype it or phone it in
 - Time getting to "know" Him

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How does Jesus reveal God to others?

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 - "Jesus, I'd like you to meet my friend..."
 - "Jesus, our leaders need You in their lives..."
 - "Jesus, save my children, my grandchildren..."

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Eternity begins for someone we know tonight, would our prayers for them change? Begin?

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Childlike wonder at knowing God through Jesus - and a childlike desire to have others know Him too

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Intentionally seeking to know God through a childlike relationship with Jesus

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Pleasing God and joining in the work of Christ