

## Cornerstone Conversations

A royal dignitary was greeting residents at a nursing home, when he was surprised by the unresponsiveness of one woman who just sat there and stared at him. Finally, the dignitary asked, "Do you know who I am?" to which the woman responded: "No. But that nurse over there helps us with those kinds of things."

Many people are confused about who Jesus is. But through His Word, God helps us know and enjoy the real Jesus. You will find Him wonderfully compelling.

Tough fishermen, tax collectors, and zealots gave up everything to follow Him (Mark 1:18). Women felt safe with Him. Crowds stood in awe of His power and authority.

Jesus is not content to be just our "fire insurance," saving us from eternal punishment in hell. Rather, He wants us to know Him for who He really is, and He desires to connect with us on a deeper, more personal level.

If you are weary of a religion that is about rules and regulations, then welcome to life beyond the rituals. Welcome to a relationship in which you can find companionship, comfort, wisdom, and reality. Welcome to the wonderful privilege of getting to know Jesus personally and the joy of following Him.

Advent prepares us for that wonderful awesome event we know as Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. But I'm sure God doesn't want us to focus on Jesus the baby but rather on our relationship with Him. So get to know Him this season, spend time with Him, and I'm sure you will grow to love Him more and more each day.

**To know Jesus is to love Jesus.**

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