

Knowing Jesus Is Not the Most Important Thing in Life

John's Gospel 17:1-3 (NIRV)

- A. **Knowing** (What does it mean to know someone?)
- Knowing someone ≠ Knowing **about** someone
 - In the Bible, knowing someone means to have a close, personal **relationship**.
 - Relationship requires talking, listening, and spending **time** together.
- B. **Jesus** (Who is Jesus?)
- Before this prayer (see v.1a), Jesus disclosed (showed) where He came from: He said “I came from the **Father** and entered the world.” (Jn 16:28)
His followers said “... you came from **God**.” (Jn 16:30)
 - Jesus *came from* God!
 - Jesus is given **authority** (power and control) over **all** people (Jn 17:2)
 - Jesus is *equal* with God!
 - John's Gospel is full of passages showing who Jesus is. (Check them out!)
“*But these are written down so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*” (Jn 20:31)
- C. **Is not the most important thing in life** (Then what?)
- “*And what is eternal life? It is knowing you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*” (Jn 17:3)
= Knowing Jesus (as the Son of God) is **life**!
(Without knowing Jesus, there is **no** life!)
 - Jesus is talking about **spiritual** life, and not just **physical** life.
 - Jesus fills our **emptiness** (He gives us life to the fullest)! (Jn 10:10)