



DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIM?

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I have often pondered why Mary thought that Jesus was the gardener when she encountered him at the tomb, or why the disciples did not recognize Him on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Perhaps it was in part because they did not expect to see Him, knowing that He had died on the cross, or did He maybe just look very different?

It makes me wonder, how often do we cross paths with the Lord and not recognize it is Him? That coincidence, that unexpected surprise, that need that is suddenly met, the word of encouragement from a complete stranger. It seems to me that we are encountering Jesus every day in many ways but are not making the connection.

His promise is that He is always with us and that His grace and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. He walks beside us continually and daily loads us with benefits. If every good gift is from above, then we are having encounters with Him continually. I find that for me, this kind of thinking leads to a thankful heart. All day long I am tuning into things that bless me, whether it is something of an unusual occurrence, His promises being displayed through answered prayer, or the beauty of His creation all around me, and recognizing “It is the Lord!”

How good are we at knowing Jesus when we see Him? Our scriptures this season will help us to know Him more intimately and be more aware of His presence as we encounter Him in our daily lives.

Blessings,

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WEEKLY FACTS SCRIPTURE VERSES

Based on the Following Scripture Theme:

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	FOCUS	ADORATION	CONFESSION	THANKSGIVING	SUPPLICATION
WK	Look to Jesus and prepare to hear	Intentional Praise	Remove obstacles Break strongholds Cleanse hearts	For what God has done and what you receive in faith	Stand together and ask, knowing God hears and God answers
1	John 20:14-16	Psalms 9:9-12	Psalms 106:4-6	Philemon 1:4-6	Matthew 7:7-8
2	Lk24:13-16,30-32	Exodus 14:13	Jeremiah 18:9-11	2 John 3	Psalms 34:17
3	Exodus 3:13-15	Psalms 23:1-6	Hebrews 12:5-6	Psalms 103:1-5	Matthew 25:34-40
4	Leviticus 20:7-8	2 Samuel 7:22	Luke 14:33	Psalms 113:4-9	Isaiah 61:1-4
5	Romans 11:33	1 Chron. 29:11-13	Psalms 56:13	2 Peter 1:2-4	Psalms 68:19
6	Jer. 32:17-19	Psalms 139:1-6	Hebrews 4:14-16	Psalms 89:1-4	Deuteronomy 31:6
7	1 John 4:7-10	Nahum 1:2-8	Psalms 32:1-5	2 Peter 3:8-9	Psalms 57:2-3
8	Genesis 22:12-14	Jude 24-25	Lam. 3:55-58	2 Corinthians 1:3-4	Hebrews 10:23
9	Judges 6:22-24	Psalms 149:1-3	Numbers 14:18-21	1 Chron. 16:8-10	Matthew 6:8
10	Psalms 102:25-28	Hebrews 13:15	1 John 1:9	Romans 8:15-17	Psalms 66:18-23
11	Rev. 4:8-11	Psalms 147:1-3	Hebrews 13:5	2 Samuel 22:2-4	John 15:16
12	Exodus 15:22-26	Isaiah 30:18	Psalms 32:5-7	Ephesians 5:18-20	Psalms 34:4-6
13	Acts 17:24-28	Psalms 103:8-10	Mark 11:25	Deuteronomy 4:29-31	Matthew 9:38
14	Proverbs 3:19-20	Psalms 139:7-12	Philippians 1:27-28	Psalms 18:1-3	John 11:22
15	Gen. 49:22-26	Psalms 89:5-8	Nehemiah 1:6-7	Ephesians 1:5-8	Psalms 86:7
16	Eph. 1:22-23	Psalms 59:16-17	Matthew 6:15	Psalms 97:10-12	John 14:13-14
17	Psalms 9:7-8	Exodus 15:2	Genesis 50:17	Colossians 3:15-17	Ezra 8:23
18	Jer. 32:26-27	Psalms 11:7	Proverbs 28:13	Psalms 118:28-29	1 John 3: 21-22