

The Truth of Who Jesus Is

Devotional for Nov. 18: Beyond the Surface

Reading: John 21:1-14

When Jesus appeared on the shore and prepared breakfast for His disciples, He wasn't just feeding their bodies—He was answering their deepest fears. The disciples faced uncertainty about whether this was truly their risen Lord. Jesus met them in the ordinary act of eating, revealing profound truth through simple communion. How often do we miss God's presence because we're looking for the spectacular instead of the sacred ordinary? Today, consider where Jesus might be revealing Himself in the everyday moments of your life. Sometimes the most profound truths come wrapped in the simplest actions. Jesus invites us to the table, not just to eat, but to know Him truly.

Devotional for Nov. 19: Words and Actions Aligned

Reading: John 14:8-14

Jesus declared, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." His words and actions perfectly aligned—a consistency that distinguishes truth from deception. A liar's words eventually contradict their actions, but Jesus demonstrated complete integrity. When He claimed to be God, every miracle, every teaching, every act of compassion confirmed that claim. Our faith rests not on blind belief but on the reliable character of Christ. How does your life reflect the truth you claim to believe? When our words and actions align, we become living testimonies to the transforming power of Christ. Let His integrity inspire yours, so others might see Jesus through your consistent witness.

Devotional for Nov. 20: Conquering Death's Fear

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Death once held humanity in fearful bondage, but Christ's resurrection shattered that power forever. The disciples' initial fear when seeing the risen Jesus was natural—death was supposed to be final. But Jesus didn't just return to life; He conquered death itself, transforming it from an ending into a doorway. "Death has been swallowed up in victory," Paul proclaims. This isn't wishful thinking but historical reality grounded in the resurrection. What fears hold you captive today? Christ's victory over death means no fear is too great for Him to overcome. When you face your deepest anxieties, remember: the One who defeated death walks with you. His resurrection power is available for every battle you face.

Devotional for Nov. 21: The Depth of Scripture

Reading: Luke 24:25-27, 44-49

Jesus opened the Scriptures to His disciples, revealing how all of it pointed to Him. The Bible contains layers of meaning we often miss because we're separated from the original culture and context. Yet the Holy Spirit guides us into deeper understanding, unveiling truths that transform our faith. The story of Jesus eating fish connects to ancient fears and cultural knowledge we've forgotten, yet it still speaks powerfully today. Don't be satisfied with surface-level reading. Dig deeper, ask questions, wrestle with difficult passages. The God who inspired Scripture delights in revealing Himself to those who seek diligently. What passage has puzzled you? Invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate its meaning for your life today.

Devotional for Nov. 22: Lord, Not Liar or Lunatic

Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

C.S. Lewis presented the trilemma: Jesus is either a lunatic, a liar, or Lord. The evidence overwhelmingly points to the latter. Christ holds all things together, reconciles all things to Himself, and is supreme over all creation. This isn't the resume of a madman or deceiver—it's the reality of God incarnate. Your response to Jesus determines everything. You cannot simply call Him a good teacher while denying His divinity; His claims were too radical for that middle ground. Today, examine where you've placed Jesus in your life. Is He truly Lord—sovereign over your decisions, your resources, your relationships? Or have you relegated Him to advisor status? The risen Christ calls you to full surrender, offering abundant life in return.