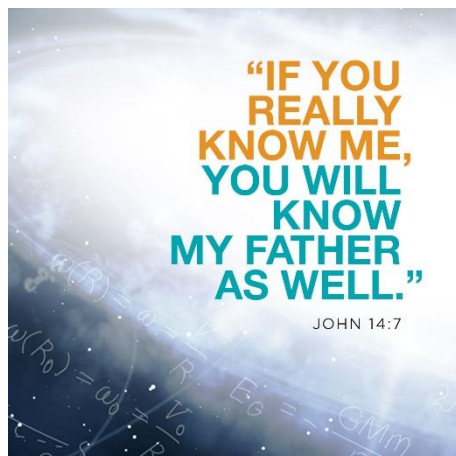




## Message 1

# IF YOU KNOW ME...THEN...

## John 14:1-14

Today we're starting a new 4-week sermon series called **IF/THEN**. The premise of the series comes from the "If-Then" conditional statement. This concept is fundamental in both computer programming and logical reasoning. Its origins can be traced back to ancient Greek philosophy, specifically the work of the philosopher Aristotle. Aristotle (384-322 BC) introduced the idea of syllogisms, a logical argument in which a conclusion is drawn from two premises, one of which includes a condition. For example, "If someone is human, then they are mortal. Socrates is human, therefore he is mortal." You may be familiar with this concept from classes in math, science, or even computer programming. And over the next few weeks we're going to see how this general concept applies to several key teachings of Christ. Today, as we dive into John 14:1-14 we learn this; If you **really know Jesus** then you know some pretty incredible truths about salvation, God the Father, and living an empowered life.

### A Key Premise

It's one thing to **know about** another person, and it's a whole different thing to **actually know** that person through a mutually beneficial and encouraging relationship. In a similar vein, it's one thing to know about Jesus: The facts and figures of His life, the names of his family, apostles, etc... It's a whole different thing to have a relationship with Jesus. A mutually beneficial and encouraging relationship takes time to develop and years to cultivate. That's the truth in our human relationships and it's true with Jesus. What's also true is that the more you get to know Jesus, the more you understand about the Father, the Spirit, and ultimately the Kingdom of Heaven. So, **IF** you know Jesus, **THEN** you know about the abundant, eternal life he came to give us (John 10:10).

**IF YOU KNOW JESUS, THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ . 14:1-4**

**IF YOU KNOW JESUS, THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_ . 14:5-6**

**IF YOU KNOW JESUS, THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ . 14:7-11**

**IF YOU KNOW JESUS, THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT HIS \_\_\_\_\_ . 14:12**

**IF YOU KNOW JESUS, THEN YOU CAN \_\_\_\_\_ HIM ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ . 14:13-14**