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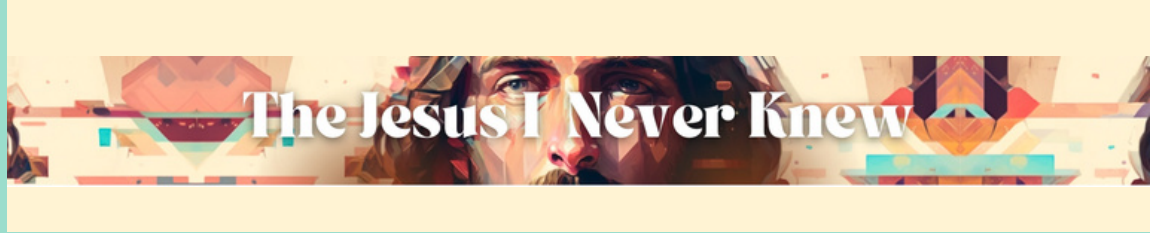
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# The Jesus I Never Knew

APR 7 // THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW WEEK 2 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

### Jesus uses ordinary people to reach the world.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. (5) Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. So there was great joy in that city.

**Acts 8:1, 4-5, 8**

### Jesus is sending us as missionaries.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." **Acts 8:26**

### Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us.

So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." **Acts 8:27-29**

### Jesus expects us to take bold action.

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. **Acts 8:30**

### There are people who have never met Jesus.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: **"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In His humiliation, he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."** The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" **Acts 8:31-34**

### Everyone needs to know Jesus!

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. **Acts 8:35**

### What is standing in the way?

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

**Acts 8:36-38**

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### Why are you still waiting to obey God?

And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

**Acts 15:19**

### What is baptism?

#### 1. It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life!" **Romans 6:4**

#### 2. It illustrates my new life as a Christian.

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" **2 Corinthians 5:17**

### WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

#### Because Jesus was baptized that way.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." **Matthew 3:16**

#### Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

"...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." **Acts 8:38-39**

The Greek work *Baptizo* means, "To immerse or dip under water." It best symbolized a burial and resurrection!

### WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

#### Every person who believes in Christ.

"Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized..." **Acts 2:41**

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." **Acts 8:12**

### WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

#### As soon as you believe.

"Those who believed...were baptized...that day!" **Acts 2:41**