

“DO YOU KNOW MY JESUS?”
Romans 8:31-39

Introduction:

1. **“Do You Know My Jesus?” is one of the most beautiful songs in our songbook (#179 in Sacred Songs of the Church).**
2. **The first verse describes a soul who is worn down with the cares of life and longs for relief.**

**“Have you a heart that’s weary, tending a load of care?
Are you a soul that’s seeking, rest from the burden you bear?”**

3. **The second verse asks, “To whom can one go for comfort when overwhelmed with sadness and grief?”**

**“Where is your heart, O’ pilgrim? What does your light reveal?
Who hears your call for comfort, when naught but sorrow you feel?”**

4. **The third verse inquires: “Do you have someone who is always there to listen with sympathy and understanding?”**

**“Who knows your disappointments? Who hears each time you cry?
Who understands your heartaches? Who dries the tears from your eyes?”**

5. **The chorus supplies the answer to these questions by asking, “Do you know my Jesus? Do you know my friend? Do you know that He loves you, and will be with you till the end?”**

6. **We shall address each of these three questions.**

Discussion:

- I. **“DO YOU KNOW MY FRIEND, JESUS?”**
 - A. **To “know” someone is to have a personal acquaintance.**

1. I was once asked if I knew a certain individual.
2. I replied, “Yes, I know him; I know his parents and grandparents; and I knew his great-grandparents.

B. How can we “know Jesus” since He no longer walks among men?

1. People speak of “knowing Jesus” in some mystic sense, but the only way to know His life, teachings, attitudes, views, and example is by His Word.

“And truly, many other signs Jesus did in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name” (John 20:30,31).

2. We show we know Jesus by doing what He says.

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in Him. By this we know that we are in Him” (1 John 2:3,4).

C. We can know that Jesus is our Friend.

1. He is a friend of the outcasts - tax collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34; 15:1).
2. He is a friend of all “who are weary and heavy laden” (Matthew 11:28-30).
3. He “lay down His life for His friends” (John 15:13).
4. Christians can truly sing, “What a Friend we have in Jesus.”

II. “HAVE YOU HEARD THAT HE LOVES YOU?”

- A. God's great love for us is revealed in the sending of His Son to die for our sins.**

“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:9, 10).

- B. A song extols God's love (#640, Sacred Songs of the Church).**

**Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,**

**To write the love of God above
Would drain the oceans dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.**

- C. The love of Jesus' coming to die for our sins is equal to the Father's love in sending Him.**

“For when we were still without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6).

“Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5).

III. “HE WILL BE WITH US TILL THE END.”

A. Jesus is not a “fair-weather” friend, but will remain with us as long as we choose to remain with Him.

- 1. No man “can snatch us out of His hand,” but we can let go of His hand and be lost (John 10:28).**
- 2. He promised to be with His disciples “always, even to the end of the age {world}” (Matthew 28:20).**
- 3. We need not be worry, for He will provide for us:**

“Let your conduct be without covetousness. Be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said: ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you,’ so we may boldly say, ‘The Lord is my helper: I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 12:5,6).

- 4. He will be with us in death.**

“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am He Who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death” (Revelation 1:17,18).

B. We have no fear in Judgment for Jesus will be our Judge.

- 1. Jesus will be the Judge at the Last Day (John 5:22).**
- 2. He will acknowledge us as His own (Matthew 25:34).**
- 3. John the aged apostle wrote:**

“Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of Judgment, because as He is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love” (1 John 4:17,18).

Conclusion:

- 1. Is Jesus your Friend?**
- 2. Make Him your Friend today by obeying His Gospel.**