

Easter: Wheelbarrows and Backpacks

(Matthew 28:1-10 NLT) "Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "**I know you are looking for Jesus**, who was crucified. He isn't here! **He is risen from the dead**, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, **Jesus met them and greeted them**. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

(Matthew 7:21-23 ESV) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, '**I never knew you**; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

Benefits Of Knowing God

(Psalm 103:1-2 ESV) "Bless the Lord , O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord , O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits...**"

(Psalm 103:3-5 ESV) "...Who **forgives** all your iniquity, who **heals** all your diseases, who **redeems** your life from the pit, who **crowns** you with steadfast love and mercy, who **satisfies** you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

- 1. He forgives my bad choices.**
- 2. He heals my brokenness.**
- 3. He redeems my purpose.**
- 4. He crowns me with value.**
- 5. He satisfies my emptiness.**

✓ Surrender

(Matthew 7:7-8 ESV) "**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

✓ Obey

(Matthew 7:21 ESV) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who **does the will of my Father** who is in heaven."

✓ Stay

(Matthew 7:24-25 ESV) "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like **a wise man who built his house on the rock**. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been **founded on the rock**."