

Luke 13:26-27

then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

Read verse 26 again which says, *'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'* It would be like going to a concert and thinking that you know the singer because you saw him or her singing on stage. Plus, you have all his or her songs on your playlist or bought all their CD's and have the tee shirts, hats, posters, keychains, and cups and ... Therefore, He or she must know who you are.

But the truth is, he or she does not know you at all. Even when you saw him or her sing on stage, it's very likely that they never saw you. You could even post on their social media page telling them how you saw them in concert and how you made eye contact with them and how you love them. Now they may give you a like, but the reality is they did not make eye contact with you at all, nor do they even know who you are.

I know this does not sound encouraging, but there is more. You see, if you want to get to know someone, you must make yourself known to them. They do not want a relationship with you because you listen to their music, or because you buy their music paraphernalia or even because you talk about them. No, it all comes down to having a relationship with them as a person, not as a musician.

My wife did not marry me because I am a musician, my friends are not my friends because I am a musician, my coworkers are not impressed that I am a musician, but rather that I am a hard worker. Being a Christian musician, is not to get friends, but to pour out my heart to Jesus, because I have a relationship with Him. I don't write or play songs to get a relationship with Jesus, I do it because I already have a relationship with Jesus.

That is how we all should be. Sure, we are to do for the Lord, but if we are doing because we think that will make us have a relationship with Jesus, then we are doing it for the wrong reasons. Anyone who serves in the church, or outside of the church, will tell you that they do so because of the relationship they already have with the Jesus.

So, we looked at the part in today's verse that says, *"We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets."* But did you catch Jesus' response to that?

† *"But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'"*

The Message bible puts today's verse as this:

† **Luke 13:26-27 (MSG)** *You'll protest, 'But we've known you all our lives!' only to be interrupted with his abrupt, 'Your kind of knowing can hardly be called knowing. You don't know the first thing about me.'*

How many have heard about Jesus all their lives, be it in a church or hearing about him during Christmas or Easter, yet they really don't know Jesus at all? “*You don't know the first thing about me.*” Just because you go to church for a Christmas Eve service once a year, or on Easter Sunday, is like going to a concert and thinking you have a relationship with the singer, it just won't happen.

So how do you get to know Jesus, or more important, for Him to know you? Simply by giving your life to Jesus, because He gave His life for you, so that you can have a relationship with Him. Jesus did not die on the cross to have a bunch of groupies, but rather to have a relationship with each and every person that He died for, which includes you.

† **2 Corinthians 5:15 (NLT2)** *He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.*

† **John 10:10b** *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

† **John 15:15** *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*