

KNOWING JESUS
John 20:28
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Two Christians died and found themselves seated on a white bench in a great white hallway. Were they Baptists or Catholics or Mormons? Take your pick, it doesn't matter. At the end of the hallway, an open door led into a room. Clearly, they were in some heavenly place.

A voice spoke to them from the room. "Will the first gentleman step in here please?"

The man sitting closest to the door stood, and facing the door he said, "Who? Me?"

"Yes," replied the gentle voice from the room. "Please, do come in and have a seat."

The man entered. He saw that the room was entirely white with only two chairs. In one of the chairs sat an angelic being. "I need to interview you, if you don't mind," said the being who beckoned to the empty chair as he spoke, "This will only take a few minutes."

The man sat in the available chair.

The interviewer continued. "Let's see. You are Brother Smith, is that correct?"

"Yes sir," the man answered. "I am Brother Smith."

"Don't be nervous, Brother Smith. Just tell me what you know about Jesus Christ."

"Well, there's a lot to tell," replied Brother Smith. "I know that he is the Son of God, that he was born on the earth to the Virgin Mary, he was sinless throughout his entire life, the only person who ever lived who was sinless. He healed people, he raised the dead, he did countless other miracles that only the Son of God could do. Then one day he was arrested and crucified, but that was God's plan so that by his suffering and death, all the rest of us could have our sins forgiven and return to God. That's the atonement. Then he rose from the dead, and that guaranteed that all the rest of us will also rise from the dead. That's the resurrection."

The interviewer pondered the answer for a moment then said, "That is all true. But tell me, Brother Smith, what do *you know* about Jesus Christ?"

Startled, Brother Smith continued. "Well, I know that he created the worlds and all things. Is that the answer you are looking for?"

The interviewer winced, "Not quite. But that certainly is a very fine answer. Will you please step outside and return to the bench? And please invite the other brother to come in? Thank you."

Brother Smith did exactly as he was asked — obedience was always his strongest virtue.

The second man came to the door and entered. He saw that the room was entirely white with only two chairs. In one of the chairs sat an angelic being. When the man saw the being, he immediately fell prostrate to the floor and declared —

John 20:28 My Lord and my God.