

In Matthew chapter seven he obviously talks about people that serve him and work for him, as they are casting out devils, doing wonderful works and prophesying in his name. So why would Jesus say that to them "I never knew you"?

### The Comparison

Frequently Jesus is compared to, or compares himself to the Bridegroom, while the individual and/or the body of believers is compared to his Bride.



If we look at it from this perspective from the **male-female** relationship then the word "knew" has a much deeper meaning.

When **Adam knew Eve** they had a son. (Genesis 4:1) **'Cain knew his wife; and she conceived,'** (Gen.4:17)

It says, **'he (Joseph) knew her (Mary) not until she had brought forth her firstborn (Jesus).'** (Matthew 1:25)

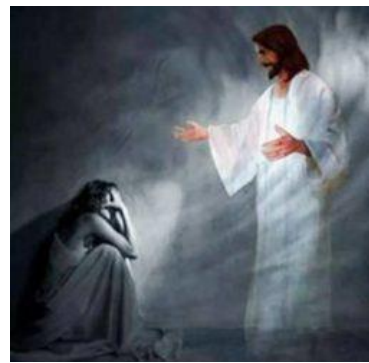
In the male-female relationship the word "**knew**", in this old English and Biblical context, **is to make love, or to have intercourse.**

Now, how does this apply to our relationship with Jesus as our Husband? What is it that a husband wants most from his wife? He is thankful that she cleans house. He is thankful that she cares for the children, but what does a husband want most?



Yes, you guessed it right - he wants to "know" his wife, and enjoy being intimate with her.

When Jesus as our Husband wants to "know" us, then what do we do? Do we say: "Sorry I am busy working for you", or "I am too busy taking care of your children or body of believers", or "I am too tired."



"Not now, I'm tired and depressed"

### Zero Cover-ups.

In order to love him we have to take off our clothes of self-goodness or self-righteousness, we have to come to him without cover-ups.

The prophet says, **"and all our righteousness are as filthy rags"**. (Isaiah 64:6) Filthy rags stink. In the original Hebrew it says.. hold on for a second.. this literally means 'the stinking rag of a menstruating woman'. In the Proverbs it says, **"There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness."** (Proverbs 30:12)



All our so-called 'goodness' of being better than others, working harder than others, thinking that we serve the Lord with more dedication than others, is a garment of 'filthy rags' that stinks and repels our dear Husband from trying to come close to us.

### How then Can we Work Miracles?

This automatically brings up the question then - how can we have the power to do the works of miracles or healing or prophecy, as mentioned in those verses?

The answer is simple: When we asked Jesus in our heart and gave him our life, we were in love with him and automatically we became Mrs Jesus.

Our Husband is someone very important in the spirit world.

You can compare this to when the wife of the Governor or President comes around and pulls out a card with her husband's name on it, people become very respectful, helpful and want to serve her.



The same is true in the spirit world when we pull out our card with our Husband's name on it, then we get respect as the demons and **"the devils do also believe and tremble"**. (James 2:19) Pulling out this name card might help us to railroad our way through, but it does not reveal the intimacy of the relationship that we have with our Husband.

### Beauty is in the Eyes of the Beholder



In our Bridegroom's eyes we are each one of us even more beautiful than this lovely bride. Our Husband was so much in love with us that he was willing to face and conquer death to win our hearts for all eternity. The Truest Soul-mate Ever!

**"For your Maker is your Husband."** (Isaiah 54:5)

Many of us are forceful in our sermons, but where are we when our Husband comes quietly to us and wants to make love, where are we then?

Are we still busy being forceful, or can we then humbly say: "My Love, I was waiting for you, I need you, I desire you. Change me, strengthen me, come deep inside of me and fill me. I want your children. My love, I can't believe that you, the Creator of the universe are my Husband.

I can't believe that you want to spend time with me in spite of all my shortcomings and blunders. I love you, I delight myself in you. Come, our friends can keep the baby. Let's lock the door and let me love you."



### Too Good - Not Available

Or will we be like the Religionist: "I am glad that I am not like other men are, I serve you, don't I?"

The most devious and deceitful pride of all is the spiritual pride of "I am a good man, God must be pleased with me and MY big church and ministry. I'm glad that I'm not like the others."

**"God resists the proud, but gives grace unto (receives, accepts, has warm feelings for) the humble."** (James 4:6)

The iniquity that Jesus talks about in Matthew 7:23 is not that we work for him and do many mighty works.



**The iniquity is that when our Husband calls and wants to be close to us and 'know' us that we are not available.** We are too busy keeping ourselves covered with our dirty rags of self-goodness and our holier-than-thou good works, thinking that it is pleasing to our Husband.

**"Nevertheless I have some things against you, because you have left your first love..."**

**I wish that you were either hot or cold"** (Rev.2:4 & 3:15)

### The Gentle Loving Approach

Now Jesus is extremely patient with us as his wife, and he loves us beyond measure!

May God help us to be more sensitive to our Husband after he gave his life to have us as his Bride.

When we desire to be intimate with our partner we speak gently and softly with warm and kind loving words. We don't bellow loudly like so many of us do in our orations, because that is a sure turn-off. Let us treat our Husband, who did so much to have us as his Love, with the same gentle dignity, desire and respect.



### "Depart from Me"

Lord forbid that he should ever say this to any of us. He wants our love above all, all our good works, our sermons, etc. He doesn't want us to keep a list of self-inflicted rules. The Religionists were the best at keeping the rules, and see what Jesus said to them in Matthew 23.

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## Why did Jesus say, "I never knew you"?



*"Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father, which is in heaven.*

***Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works?***

***And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity."*** (Mat.7:21-23)

How can the Lord say something like that because on the other hand he says, ***"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father..."***

***Fear not therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows (Mat.12:29-31) ...even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."*** (Luke 12:7)



On the one hand he says ***'I never knew you'*** and on the other hand he says, ***'all the hairs of your head are numbered.'***

### What is His Message?

We know that Jesus was not double minded. So what is the message that he's trying to give?