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# **The Life and Times of Jesus Christ**

# **Part 5**

## **First Encounters with Jesus Christ**

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**Mark**

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**John**

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**It comes with unique personality,  
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**Becoming who God originally created you to be is dependent on being in a personal and salvific relationship with God BECAUSE only the Holy Spirit can empower you to take back what the enemies of God have stolen.**



**Who God has originally created you to become has been muddied, confused, distorted, and damaged, by misinformation, faulty conclusions, inappropriate labels, bad experiences, unjust circumstances, and because you've accepted too many lies as truth.**

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Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them.



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Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

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Until I get there, focus on reading  
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# Titus 2:6

In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely.



# Titus 2:7

And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.

# **1 Peter 5:2**

**Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.**



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Don't lord it over the people  
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**And when the Great Shepherd  
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