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- What kind of Christ are you looking for today?

### 2. They didn’t understand God’s Word.

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- Are you reading the Bible? Do you believe God’s Word today?

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- Are you seeking the Lord daily?

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- What is clouding your view of Jesus today?

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