

Sermon Series: "Close Encounters of the Divine Kind"

You Ain't Seen Nothing, Yet!: A Skeptic's Encounter with Jesus

Text: John 1:43-51

Introduction: *The dictionary defines the word, "encounter" as, "to come upon face-to-face", or, "an unexpected experience." What would it be like to have an encounter, an unexpected experience, a face-to-face experience with a being from beyond our planet? Would it not be safe to assume such an encounter would change our lives? Just such an encounter actually happened for thousands of people nearly 2,000 years ago. It has happened many times since then and continues to happen today.*

I. The _____ of a Skeptic vs.43-46a

There were many religious skeptics in Jesus' day:

Matthew 27:28-43; Mark 15:27-32a; Luke 23:35-39

John 7:12&13; 19&20; 40-52; 2-5

II. The _____ to a Skeptic vs.46b

John 4:17&18,29; 1:38&29

Matthew 9:20&21; Luke 6:17-19; Mark 3:10&11; Matt.11:28

III. Christ's _____ for a Skeptic vs.47&48

Psalms 139:1-4,13-17; Matthew 10:30; Luke 12:7; Isaiah 49:16

Hebrews 4:12&13; Ecclesiastes 3:11

I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 8:32

Matthew 7:7&8; Hebrews 11:6

IV. A Skeptic Turns _____ vs.49

Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:32; Luke 23:40-43

John 20:28-31; Acts 7; 8:1; 9:19-26

V. Christ's _____ to Believers vs.50&51

Genesis 28:12,15,16&17; John 1:51

Joshua 3:5; John 11:39&40

Conclusion: II Corinthians 6:2; Isaiah 55:6