

Encountering the Risen Jesus

- I. **The most important event in any person's life is to encounter God through Jesus Christ.**
 - A. God conceals and reveals.
 1. Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus after the crucifixion (John 20:1-18)
 2. Jesus' encounter with His disciples after the resurrection (Luke 24:13-49)
 3. "It's the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings" (Proverbs 25:2).
 - B. Jesus is God's close encounter with all of humanity.
 1. The unfolding mystery of Christ (Colossians 1:25-27)
 - a. Christ for the whole world—both Jews and Gentiles
 - b. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27)
 2. The world did not recognize Jesus, yet through Him the whole world was made (John 1:10-14; 14:6-14).
- II. **Keys to encountering Jesus.**
 - A. Jesus often comes unexpectedly.
 1. Jesus often shocked His disciples (Luke 24:36-44).
 2. Pride and the unexpected do not mix well (Luke 10:21-22; I Corinthians 1:18-31).
 3. Keeping watch for Jesus (Matthew 24:32-42; Luke 12:16-21)
 - B. Jesus reveals Himself in the Scriptures.
 1. Slowness of heart to believe all the Scriptures (Luke 24:25-27)
 2. The Scriptures are meant to lead you to powerful encounters with God (Matthew 22:29; I Corinthians 2:1-5).
 - C. Jesus wants to be found. Keep asking Him to reveal Himself (Luke 11:5-10; Ephesians 1:15-20).
 1. The two disciples in Luke 24 strongly urged Jesus to stay (Luke 24:28-29).
 2. Then their eyes were opened (Luke 24:30-32).
- III. **Encountering Jesus involves simple trust. Seeing is not necessarily believing (Matthew 28:16-20).**
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 - B. We look for clarity; God looks for trust (John 20:24-29).
 - C. Trust is developed over time as we respond to the revelation God gives through the Scriptures and through the Spirit's leading (Example of Mr. Chun).