

# Encountering Jesus

Scripture: John 12:21

## Introduction

The message in this passage is, "We want to see Jesus and all that he is." Only when we see him clearly can we know him as the answer to every need of our lives.

### I. We need to have some personal questions answered

**Matthew 8:27** But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

- A. Is Jesus really who he claims to be?
- B. Are the images I've seen the real Jesus?

### II. We need to personally experience his life changing power

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- A. Changed Moses from murderer to leader of Israel
- B. Changed disciples from fishermen to fishers of men

### III. We need Jesus to become Lord of our lives

**Philippians 2:11** And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- A. Who is calling the shots in your life?
- B. Who am I obeying?
  1. What are the consequences
  2. How do I know
- C. What will happen if I do not make Him Lord?
- D. Is Jesus capable of running my life?
  1. Has he been able to direct the lives of others
  2. What were the results of committing to him

### IV. How can I personally encounter Him?

**Romans 10:9-10** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- A. Invite Jesus to take control of your life
- B. Ask God to forgive your past rebellion and sin
- C. Ask Jesus to begin the process of change in you