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**Encountering Jesus**

“... He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:1-3



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**Encountering Jesus!**

- Many personal encounters for the disciples
- 500 people saw Jesus in a joint gathering
- Heard Him teach in His resurrection body



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## People Changed!

- Disciples were changed men
- Waited for the “promised Holy Spirit”
- Bold in proclaiming Jesus
- Thousands came to faith



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## Encountering Jesus

Saul becomes Paul

- Zealous Persecutor
- Miraculous Conversion
- Becomes a Disciple
- Complete Turnaround



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## Saul Changed!

Saul experienced an immediate change

- He was filled with the Holy Spirit
- Baptised in water
- Spent time with the disciples
- “Immediately he preached Christ ... Acts 9: 17 - 22



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**Paul Changed!**

**Before:**

- He relied on his adherence to the Law for right standing with God

**After:**

- Christ and only Christ gives me right standing with God! Phil 3:1-11

***Not legalism but Christ!***

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**Mysteries revealed**

Jesus shows Paul “mysteries that have been hidden from ages and generations...” Col 1: 24 -27

**1. The Mystery of Divine Indwelling**

“Christ in you the hope of glory”

“..you are complete in Him” 2:10



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**Mysteries revealed**

**2. The Mystery of Jew and Gentiles reconciled to God in Christ!**

“He Himself is our PEACE ...who has created in Himself one new man!” Eph 2: 14 – 18

“ ...the Gentiles should be fellow heirs.....through the gospel” Eph 3:1-7



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## Mysteries revealed

### 3. The Mystery: the Church the Bride of Christ

- Christ loved ... and gave Himself for her
- Glorious Church
- Great mystery Eph 5:22-32



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## Encounter Jesus!

Be changed by the revelation of the

- Love of the Father
- Love of the Son
- Love of the Holy Spirit



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