

**INTRO: Queen Elizabeth II's** death in September 2022. From 14-19th, people waited in line for up to 24hrs, stretching almost 10miles long, moving constantly, walking all to see and pay respects to a dead Queen. What would you do to meet someone of greatness? Majesty?

**Thesis: "I want you to Meet Jesus today, if you never have or in a new way."**

**I. Meet Jesus (21-23)**

- A. The Will of the Father is to Know Jesus the Son. **John 6:36-40, 47, 28-29**
- B. I never KNEW you. **"I don't know who this is. Never met them in my life."**
- C. Not about knowing the right WORDS. Knowing the right stuff. Knowing Him.
- D. Not about what you DO, but what's been DONE for you.
- E. Not about Knowing ABOUT, but KNOWING Jesus.
- F. They wanted to be able to PERFORM for Jesus, Wanted something to do.
- G. Jesus said, just believe. It can't be that easy?

**ILLUSTRATION: Wait. That's it? "That's it." Bar. Haha!** For real. I said that. Too simple. 2 ingredients. Apple + Mango/Blueberries/Strawberry. **Faith & Repentance.**

**APPLICATION:** I never Knew you. Jesus knows everybody! Do you Know Him in relationship? By faith? Does He Know you that way?

**II. The Rock (24-27)**

- A. Build your life on Him & His Teaching. Faith & Repentance, which produces LOVE.
- B. Stability & Strength.
- C. Rains. Winds. Beat(Gusts). **[World. Flesh. Devil.] Temptation. Pressure. Sin. Attack.**

**ILLUSTRATION: Hurricane Michael.** Rusell King & Lebron Lackey. Mexico Beach, FL. Only house still standing after hurricane blew through. How? They drove the pigeons 30ft instead of 20. Reinforced walls with rebar and poured concrete. Cables add structural integrity. Hurricane windows, for projectiles. Overhang on roof. One-sided porch. Hardboard instead of vinyl. Above and beyond code. 120mph vs 240mph. Investment was 20-30% more. They wished all their neighbors had done what they had done. They cried when talking about driving up. Bittersweet. Thankful but also sad for their friends & neighbors.

- D. **Cost.** Investment. Sacrifice. Others might think unnecessary. **Crazy?**

**APPLICATION:** We want you to Know Jesus in this way. To place your faith in Him, and build your life on his truth and love. To trust Him only, and live in His grace.

**III. With Authority (28-29)**

- A. Crowds Amazed. Wonder. Astonished.
- B. He didn't teach like the Scribes. He taught with authority. Conviction.
- C. **Preaching vs. Teaching.** Empathetic/Apathetic. Heart/Mind. Conviction/Academic.
- D. **Dry, unfeeling approach.** Reading off a page. AI sermons.

**ILLUSTRATION: Augustine:** "I began to love him, not at first as a teacher of the truth... but for his kindness towards me" It was the warmth, hospitality, love, gentle approach, kindness that invited Augustine in, and then led to his receiving the truth of the Gospel - repentance/faith.

**APPLICATION:** Repent. Believe. Listen. Live.

1. "If you feel like it...do it." "Your truth..." "If it's good for you..."
2. Many will say..."Lord, didn't I put your name on my business. A cross in the logo." "Didn't I quote Scripture?" "Didn't I try to treat ppl the way I would want?" "Didn't I walk down the aisle?" "Didn't I get baptized?" "Didn't I go on mission trips and relief trips." "Didn't I do good and give to the needy?" "Didn't I got to church...and not just for Easter?" "Didn't I?"
3. Jesus will say...I Never KNEW You. Do you Know Him?

**CONCLUSION: People waited in line for 24hrs to "meet" a dead Queen, but today you can meet the Risen & Living King, Jesus, Friend and Savior of His people - Meet Him for the first time today through faith, or meet Him in a new way if you are in Him.**