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mpcnightchurch

growing followers of Jesus

Welcome to **nightchurch**, especially if you're here for the first time. Please FILL IN A VISITORS CARD and stay for a cuppa in the hall afterwards. The mission of **nightchurch** is to encourage 21st century people to follow Jesus by teaching God's word in a way that makes sense..

supper roster next week: Jo Hanson, Aimee D, Simon M

Pleased to **meet you?**

Mark 1:1-20

1

Talk is Cheap...

How are you? Great.

I'd like you to meet Joe. Hi Joe, pleased to meet you.

Have to catch up with you sometime. Yeah, let's get together...

Ever stop to wonder what it would be like if we replaced the polite little things that we say with THE TRUTH? Spend a minute trying it out with the people around you...



2

What makes you think...

The important people of Israel thought one day God would be terrifically pleased to meet them.

They could hardly wait for the big reward they were sure they deserved.

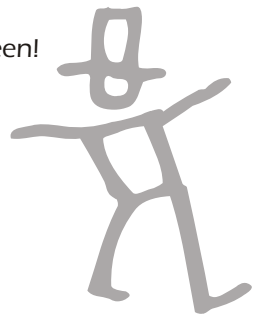
But if they knew what their Old Testament said, they wouldn't have been so keen!

Read Malachi 3:1-2. Who are the Israelites looking forward to meeting?

What two visitors does the prophet say will one day be coming?

What's the surprise?

People today...



3

And so John came...

There are four "Gospels" in the New Testament. Gospel means GOOD NEWS. All four gospels tell the good news about Jesus. But Mark starts his gospel by telling us about someone else. But what hint has he already given us by quoting from the Old Testament prophets?

John: The man, the place, the message... there's one coming after me...

- interior cleaning service

- but potential for disaster!

4

Getting ready to meet God...

The happy postman, the sad comedian...

What it takes to be ready to meet God

- repent, believe, follow



5

Will God be pleased to meet you?

Why, or why not?



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