



History's Mystery

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Well, I absolutely love Easter, and it's kind of an odd thing Easter because it's not like you don't know what we're gonna talk about.

[laughter]

00:09 S1: And for those of you who only go on Christmas and Easter, I know why you don't come back any other time. It's like, "Okay, every time I go, it's like one of the same two sermons over and over and over, they just keep repeating themselves", but I love Easter even though we already know what we're gonna talk about. And here's why I love Easter. I think Easter is the perfect time. It's the perfect weekend for anybody who's ever considered putting their faith in Christ or become a Jesus follower. You've been reading books or you've gone through starting point or you've been listening or watching, or you've attended some other church, and you're at the point where you're thinking, "You know, I think, I think I'm into this, I think I believe this, I think I understand it. How do I like seal the deal? How do I like get there? How do I become one of those?" What do you have to do? I just think Easter is the perfect, perfect time. And we're gonna give you a chance to do that at the end of our time together.

00:55 S1: The other thing I love about Easter is for those of you who kind of have both feet on the brakes. The only reason you're here, the only reason you're watching is somebody promised you lunch or your mom made you come, or she's cute and it's like, whatever. "I'll go with you anywhere. We're going to church, whatever, okay." Or you got caught in a traffic or for whatever reason, but you are not about to become a Christian. Easter really is the best weekend for you to attend church because Easter, Easter is when we talk about the one thing that addresses or the kind of does an end run around all of your objections.

01:27 S1: And here's what I mean by that. I would like... Even if you never considered this or this is just not your thing and you may not have your arms crossed on the outside but they're crossed on the inside, I would like to challenge you to think about becoming a Christian in spite of the fact that you know some. [laughter] In spite of the fact that you used to work for one. In spite of the fact maybe that you're even married to one. In spite of the fact that you grew up with a bunch of 'em. In spite of the fact that you think we're all hypocrites. In spite of your bad church experience, I want you to consider it. In spite of the fact that you had a college professor and you used to be sort of a religious person and you had an English class as you're a freshman and they pulled one card out, and your whole religious house of cards collapsed, and you've never looked back and you think there's nothing to all of this because it's all myth.

02:15 S1: Even if that's your experience, I want you consider it even though you've had pain in your