Morning Greeting By: Dave Lambert 03-14-15

Good morning! Some encounters that Jesus had never fail to amuse me. He met a lot of people and there were always demands on His time. Sometimes, Jesus was approached by people with deeply felt needs, like a family member that needed healing or a demon-possessed person who needed deliverance. Sometimes He was approached by scribes or Pharisees who simply wanted to debate and possibly discredit Him. Wherever He went, Jesus had personal encounters with people, because engaging people was an important part of His mission. By the way, it's part of our mission, too! This morning, let's look at one such encounter together:

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

John 1:35-39

This passage always makes me laugh! Imagine for a moment that you have just met Jesus Christ, and you find yourself face to face with Him. He looks in your eyes, right through you, and asks, "What do you want?" How would you answer? Maybe, "Why doesn't everyone I pray for get healed?" or "I want my children to be saved." or maybe even, "What do I want? I want to lose 30 pounds!" In today's passage, Jesus turned and asked these two guys that question. OK, so what did they ask Him? They asked, "Where are you staying?" Really? I'll bet they were kicking themselves later, after they'd had time to think about that conversation! What I really like though is Jesus' availability. I imagine He smiled at their question. The Bible says that He answered by inviting them to come with him and they spent the rest of the day together. I like that! We may be too busy for Jesus, but Jesus is never too busy for us. This is a good example for us. We are often too busy to spend time with people when they need it most. This morning, consider this question: Are you too busy to spend time with people who might want to know Jesus?