

# Eagles' ON WINGS



As we enter a New Year, I know that it is the passion of many to seek to introduce friends and family to a living faith. However, it is essential that we do not make it too complicated. What this world needs is to see Jesus, simply, powerfully, and without religious trimmings.

When Philip was seeking to encourage his friend Nathaniel to meet Jesus, he tried to describe him and said, *“We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”*

Nathaniel was sceptical as he listened to this somewhat religious introduction, and quickly replied, *“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”* Philip simply said, *“Come and see.”* Once Nathaniel had seen Jesus and after a very brief conversation, he declared, *“Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.”*

Meeting Jesus for Nathaniel was life transforming, it changed his thinking and his strong opinions. Philip had described Jesus as, *“Son of Joseph,”* Nathaniel spontaneously declared, *“You are the Son of God.”* It is so vital that we

introduce people to Jesus. It is not a ticket to heaven that is needed, but a personal, warm, real and vital relationship.

After the resurrection, Thomas who had missed out on the Jesus' first appearance to the disciples, could not believe that he had risen from the dead. He said, *“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and the wound in his side, I will not believe.”* It was not long before Jesus came and stood in front of him. All his doubts and reactive behaviour melted, as Thomas cried out, *“My Lord and my God.”*

It says of the disciples in the Acts of the Apostles, *“They preached Jesus and the resurrection.”* It was a life transforming message that brought people into a living relationship with Jesus. It spoke of death and resurrection. It also spoke of entering a loving and powerful friendship with a real person.

The message is *“Come and See!”* When we really introduce people to Jesus, they will experience forgiveness and cleansing, they will find peace, they will meet the healer and the one who sets them free from everything that binds and diminishes.

**COME & SEE**

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