

Sermon 9-20-09
Close Encounters of the God Kind

Jesus' Encounter with Nicodemus (3:1-21)
Jesus' Encounter with John the Baptist (1:19-34)
Jesus Encounter with a Samaritan Woman (4:1-42)
Jesus encounter with Official's Son (4:43-54)

Jesus' Encounter with John the Baptist (1:19-34)

John's baptism of Jesus – Mt. 3:13-17
John's imprisonment – Mt. 11:1-15
John's death – Mt. 14:3-11

John's Testimony about Jesus (3:22-36)

1. The Bridegroom (3:29)

Bride = all believers, the Church
Friend = individual believers
Parable: Matt. 25:1-13

2. The Bridegroom's voice (3:29)

John 10:14
John 18:37

3. The Bridegroom and our Joy and Delight in Him (3:29)

Isa. 61:10
Jer. 15:16
1 Pt. 1:8
Hab. 3:17-18 – Tribulation
1 Pt. 4:12-13 – Trials
Acts 5:41 – Persecution
2 Cor. 6:10 – Poverty
Heb. 10:34 – Loss of property

4. The Bridegroom's glory rather than our own (3:30)