

# YES! GOD HAS BEEN HERE!

What would you think of a man, who, after finding a beautiful gold Rolex watch on a deserted beach, concluded, "Because I don't see anyone around, molecules must have come together over millions of years, formed



themselves into the intricate parts, and then all the parts fell together to form this perfectly running watch!"

Albert Einstein said, "The idea that this universe in all its million-fold order and precision is the result of blind chance is as credible as the idea that if a print shop blew up, all the type would fall down again in the finished and faultless form of the dictionary." Design points to a designer. Beauty points to an artist. Complexity points to intelligence. Excellence, consistency and precision point to someone who cares.

When you look at the universe, the world, and all of life, it is obvious that there is a designer who is a wonderful artist, with intelligence beyond our comprehension. As we observe a designer's excellence, precision and consistency in the laws of nature, we can understand that this is a God who cares. As you think upon the amazing individuality of every plant, animal and person, this designer is no impersonal force. Whoever, or whatever this incredible Designer is,

this Maker is exceedingly beyond what we could ever imagine. And when you consider that one human cell is far more complex than a Rolex watch, it behooves us to look for and find our designer –creator God.

If there is a personal God who cares for us, surely this God would attempt to communicate with us. And what would be the best way to do that? The best way would be by becoming a person and talking to us directly. The question is, has this ever happened?

As you think of history, you will recall that there was a man who claimed to come from heaven. He was a Jewish man that went by the Hebrew name Y'shua. Most English-speaking people refer to him as Jesus of Nazareth, or Jesus Christ (Christ is the Greek word for "Messiah," or "Anointed One"). Could he be the creator God who became a man? Those who knew him proclaimed Him as Messiah, the creator God who has visited us! These same people were so sure that he was the God Messiah, that they died as martyrs rather than retract their convictions. These dedicated followers based their convictions on Jesus' own claims to be the



God Messiah, on the miracles they saw him perform, the power of his character, the words they heard him say, and their own encounters with him after he was raised from the dead. Thousands throughout history have claimed to have met him personally. Millions around the world today claim to know him personally and to experience his love and forgiveness.

# HERE ARE A FEW THINGS GOD DID:

If you are not familiar with the eye witness accounts of Jesus who walked on this earth from B.C. 4 to A.D. 30, let me give you just a glimpse of what he did and said, taken from people who watched him, and recorded it in writing before A.D. 70. One Jewish writer, Matthew, a tax collector for the Roman Empire, followed Jesus around for three years and described his activities like this:

"Jesus traveled all through Galilee teaching in the Jewish synagogues, everywhere preaching the Good News about the Kingdom of Heaven. And he healed every kind of sickness and disease. The report of his miracles spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that sick folk were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were insane, or paralyzed – he healed them all. Enormous crowds followed him wherever he went..."<sup>1</sup>

This same writer described this event: "Suddenly a terrible storm came up, with waves higher than the boat. But Jesus was asleep. The disciples went to him and wakened him, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're sinking!" ... Jesus stood up and rebuked the wind and the waves, and the storm subsided and all was calm. The disciples just sat there, awed! "Who is this," they asked themselves, "that even the winds and the sea obey him?""<sup>2</sup>

