



SERMON OUTLINE MAY 15, 2016

Things Aren't Always What They Seem

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Sunday

INTRODUCTION: *The fly with the high IQ & Hollywood movies . . .*

I. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

- A. This is true when it comes to Jesus
 - 1. He's not just gentle & kind
 - 2. He's also dangerous & a real threat
- B. This is true about His death by crucifixion
 - 1. It **may seem like** weakness, but –
 - 2. It is really the strength of God's eternal plan

II. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

- A. Jesus' disciples should have understood, but they didn't (Acts 1:6)
- B. They should have been bold witnesses, but at first they weren't
- C. The miracle of Pentecost **seemed like** no big deal to some (Acts 2:1-13)

III. THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS EVEN MORE THAN WHAT IT SEEMS

- A. The 1st Pentecost was the 'birthday of the church' (Acts 2)
- B. It is a major celebration, though for many today it **seems like** no big deal
- C. Regardless of the 'bad press' the Church gets today –
- D. **Things aren't always what they seem!**
- E. The same Pentecost Spirit does miraculous works today (Acts 2:17-21)

CONCLUSION:

*God's promises to you **are exactly what they seem . . .**
you can count on it!*