

Get Out While You Can

- Introduction:
1. 100 years ago last night, on the evening of April 14, 1912, the Titanic sunk to the bottom of the ocean.
 2. 1,514 people lost their lives that evening because they had chosen to get on a ship that was headed for disaster.
 3. This morning, I want to share with you a spiritual warning – Get out of sin while you can!

I. The Sinking of the Titanic

- A. The story of Francis Browne.
- B. The story of Jack Thayer III.
- C. The story of Benjamin Guggenheim.
- D. The only hope that anyone had of surviving the wreck of the Titanic was to get out and away from it.
- E. All those who remain on the ship perished.
- F. If one had foreknowledge that the ship would sink, how many people do you think would have remained onboard?

III. Things We Need To Get Out Of Before It's Too Late

- A. Remember that Jesus is coming again.
 1. When he comes, we will be judged (2 Corinthians 5:10).
 2. Those who haven't gotten out of sin will be lost (Hebrews 12:1; Rev. 3:5).
- B. Sins one may need to get out of.
 1. Bad relationships (1 Corinthians 15:33).
 2. Ourselves (Ephesians 2:10).
 3. The Church Building (Matthew 5:13-16).
 4. False religion (Matthew 15:13).

- Conclusion:
1. I am glad to know that many here today have already gotten out of sin in time.
 2. Yet, there are others who may be counting on a "tomorrow" that may never come. (James 4:14-17).
 3. As the Titanic was sinking, the band played "Nearer My God To Thee."
 4. Friends, it's time to get out! Your soul is at stake. Don't wait too late.

Francis Browne

- Born in 1880.
- Boarded the Titanic on April 10 and cruised from London to Southampton England.
- This cruise was a gift given to him by his superior.
- On Board, he met some wealthy people who offered to pay his way to New York.
- Browne requested permission, but was denied.
- So he departed the ship, escape what would surely have been his death.

Jack Thayer III

- Jack was 17 years old when he boarded the Titanic with his family.
- He was a heir to his father's Pennsylvania Railroad fortune.
- Jack was one of the few people who lived to tell about the Titanic sinking. In fact, he was only one of 40 people who entered the water to survive the ordeal.
- Jack wrote memoirs of what happened that day for his family, but his memories have just this month been published.
- Here's part of what he said... "I never saw Long again. His body was later recovered. I am afraid that the few seconds elapsing between our going, meant the difference between being sucked into the deck below, as I believe he was, or pushed out by the backwash. I was pushed out and then sucked down. The cold was terrific. The shock of the water took the breath out of my lungs. Down and down I went, spinning in all directions. Swimming as hard as I could in the direction which I thought to be away from the ship, I finally came up with my lungs bursting, but not having taken any water. The ship was in front of me, 40 yards away. How long I had been swimming under water, I don't know. Perhaps a minute or less. After latching on to a life boat, I watched as the ship's passengers battled against the inevitable. 'We could see groups of the almost 1,500 people still aboard, clinging in clusters of bunches like swarming bees; only to fall in masses, pairs or singly, as the great after-part of the ship, 250 feet of it, rose into the sky, till it reached a 65 or 70-degree angle.'

Benjamin Guggenheim

- Was a successful American businessman.
- He had slept through the collision and was awakened by one of his servants.
- He gave a message to his wife through one of the survivors. He said, ""Tell my wife, if it should happen that my secretary and I both go down, tell her I played the game out straight to the end. No woman shall be left aboard this ship because Ben Guggenheim was a coward."
- The last Guggenheim was seen, he had dressed into his finest clothes and sat down with his servants on the ship's staircase, awaiting the inevitable.