

# Ex-Satanist to Jesus: 'I'll Never Follow You'

*"I died in my apartment, left my body, end[ed] up in a train going to hell."*

That's how ex-Satanist John Ramirez describes the shocking moments in 1999 preceding his decision to leave the occult and embrace Jesus.

## **Encountering the Devil**

Ramirez recalled other events foregoing his conversion, including an argument with God during which he proclaimed he would "never be a Christian," as he saw the devil at the time as a "father figure" filling a void he felt from the absence of his own earthly dad.

"I'll never follow you," Ramirez recalled telling the Lord. "My daddy, the devil, is bigger than you, stronger than you, and better than you."

He said he challenged God to show why He's more powerful than Satan – and that's when he experienced what he described as a train to hell, an experience that purportedly unfolded while he was in a deep sleep.

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"It was a real train, hell-bound, full of people," he said. "You couldn't see the faces."

Ramirez said he got off the train and stepped onto the ground and experienced the unthinkable.

"When you get to hell, the torment, fear," he said, describing

these attributes as being like a python placing a straitjacket on its victims. "Hell is nothing like the Earth."

Ramirez said he walked through the portals of hell and that the devil emerged and began to hurl threats.

"[He] said, 'I have to kill you, because you know all the secrets of my kingdom and you're going to tell the humanity about how I entrap them,'" he said. "I was in the highest level of the shadows of the demonic. I would sit and talk to the devil like I'm talking to you – all night long."

From there, Ramirez described fleeing throughout hell before again encountering Satan, who suddenly had horns and wings – a departure from the way he had seen the devil in the past. That's when he saw a cross and the symbol made contact with Satan.

In an instant, Ramirez said he was back in his body.

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