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SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- James R. Moriarty, assistant professor of history, University of San Diego, will speak at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the meeting of the Men's Fellowship of the Ocean Beach Baptist Church.

Moriarty's topic will be the history of the Essenes and the origin of their religious philosophy. The talk will cover the reconstruction of the history of the people through discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and through recent archaeological work.

The destruction of the center of the Essenian cult at Qumran in 70 A.D. by the Roman Legion and the work of the archaeologist-priest, Abbe Breuil, will be discussed.

The recent palimpsest finds in Coptic monasteries in Egypt, relating to the newly discovered Gospels according to Saint Thomas, will also be described by Moriarty.