

One on One with Jesus

These conversations with Jesus shows His desire to relate directly to us.

Nicodemus, “Nick at night”

John 3:1-21

Nicodemus came at night, asking:

1. You are a teacher from God
2. Can a man enter his mother's womb a second time?
3. How can this (spiritual truths) be?

Jesus taught:

1. Be born again to see the kingdom.
2. Born of water and spirit
3. Flesh and spirit do not combine
4. Criticized the teacher for knowing only earthly things
5. Jesus would be lifted up
6. Belief in Jesus determines: eternal life or condemnation
7. Fallen men love darkness
8. Truth brings men into the light

Jesus made known that by being born again of the Spirit, we can receive the gift of eternal life of the kingdom. His death would bring salvation and forgiveness to our spirits. Our pure, holy spirits could now relate directly to God, Spirit to spirit (Eph 4:24).

Those people who come from the darkness seeking Light, Jesus, will be rewarded and not disappointed. Jesus taught that we must elevate our spirits above our souls (minds) and bodies (flesh) to worship, relate, and know God. (Eph 3:17-19)

No matter how or when you come to Jesus, He will receive, forgive and give you life.

Woman at the well, “the water girl”

John 4:5-42

Jesus spoke to her:

1. Give me a drink of water
2. You should be asking me for water
3. My water is as a well of everlasting life
4. Go bring your husband
5. Her history of husbands and current fornication
6. True worship of God is by the Spirit
7. God desires true worshipers in Spirit and Truth
8. I am the Messiah

The Samaritan Woman spoke of:

1. The prejudice of the Jews toward Samaritans
2. You cannot draw water from Jacob's well
3. Are you greater than our father Jacob
4. Give me this “no more thirst” water
5. I do not have a husband
6. You are a prophet because you know about me
7. Jew and Samaritan conflict about place of worship
8. The Messiah is coming

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Jesus spoke of and lived in the spiritual. The woman was talking and thinking only in her “real” (carnal) world. (2Cor 4:18).

Talking with Jesus brings all of us into the knowledge of God who is spirit (John 4:24).

Once she tasted of the living water and saw the light, she was motivated to tell others. She left to tell all the that Christ the Messiah is come to Samaria. Many people of Sychar came and believed on His word. Jesus and his disciples remained there two days.

Jesus draws us into the eternal spirit world and out of the temporary physical world.

Lame Man Becomes Bed Bearer

John 5:5-18

Impotent (lame) man said

- I always been like this
- I have no one to help

Jesus spoke to the man:

1. Do you want to be well?
2. Rise
3. Take up your bed
4. Walk
5. Sin no more

The lame man was full of excuses. Jesus was full of love and healing. Jesus did not listen to his doubt but to see his faith, He gave him a command. The man received healing by believing and acting on the word of Jesus. No excuse can block a miracle from Jesus to a faith-acting man. Pharisees were seeing only the law violated not the healing miracle. Rather than debate, Jesus referred them to works of Him and His Father. (Never wrestle with a pig; both of you will get dirty, and the pig will enjoy it.)

Jesus gives a believer steps to take to receive their miracle.

Blind Beggar Sees his Savior

John 9:1-7, 35-39

Beggar to Jesus:

1. Sitting in the temple area seeking sympathy.
2. Obeyed and came away seeing.
3. (to religious leaders) If He were not of God, he could not have healed me.
4. Who is He, Lord?
5. I believe!

Jesus instructs him:

1. I am the light of the world.

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2. Applied mud from spit and dust to his eyes.
3. Go wash in the pool of Siloam.
4. Do you believe on the Son of God?
5. You have seen Him and I am He who talks to you.

The beggar seems resigned to getting sympathy and handouts from the people going in and out of temple. Jesus heals him and illustrates the goodness of God to the disciples. The beggar goes and washes as told by the one who put mud on his eyes. After receiving his sight miracle, he is interrogated by the religious leaders. The healed man defends the one who healed him. Jesus finds and confronts the man about eternal spiritual matters. The healed beggar accepts Jesus and worships him.

Jesus meets our physical needs, but never neglects the spiritual condition.

Martha: Her brother's Keeper

John 11:20-28

Martha tells Him:

1. If you had been here, my brother would not have died.
2. What ever you ask God will do.
3. I know he will rise again, at the resurrection
4. I believe that you are the Christ.
5. He stinks by now.

Jesus

1. Your brother shall rise again,
2. I am the resurrection and life.
3. You believe Me.
4. Take away the stone!
5. If your believe, you shall see the glory of God.

Martha first chides Jesus for not coming sooner to heal Lazarus. She also, states her belief in Him. Jesus declares he will rise from the dead. Martha thinks He is talking about the last resurrection. Jesus brings her and her faith and believing into the present. Her faith is established but later at the grave she falters. Jesus' strong stand strengthens her faith.

Faith in the mountain moving Creator can surely remove a grave stone, loosing the dead.

Peter's Clean Feet

John 13:5-10

Peter asked

1. You should not wash my feet.
2. Then wash my head and hands, too

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Jesus told Peter

1. If I do not wash you, you are no part of Me
2. He who is clean need only wash his feet to be clean

Jesus was demonstrating His servant-hood to the disciples by doing the duties of the lowest servant in the house. Peter was embarrassed to have Jesus serve him, but as Jesus explained the only way into God's family (kingdom) was to receive from Jesus. We who are Christ's only need to clean our feet from the world. All who call themselves Christians are not clean. We are to serve one another, helping them be clean.

Jesus is our example: first a servant to others and then a teacher to each other.

The Roman Governor and the King

John 18:33, 35, 37, 38, John 19: 9-11

(Matthew, Mark, & Luke only record Jesus answering Pilate's question about Him as King, "Thou sayest it.")

Pilate questioned Jesus:

1. Are you King of the Jews?
2. Am I a Jew?
3. What hast thou done? Illegal question (like 5th Amend.)
4. Art thou a King?
5. What is truth?
6. Whence art thou?
7. Know you not that I have power to crucify or release you?

Jesus replied:

1. Do you know that I am, of yourself or did others tell you?
2. I am a king, but my kingdom is not of this world.
3. I came and was born to be a King.
4. I tell the truth and all who believe me know my truth.
5. Jesus gave no answer to the second time He was asked from where He came.
6. You only have power that is given to you from above.
7. The Jews who brought Me to you have the greater sin.

Pilate was totally in the physical realm while Jesus was teaching even to him about the spiritual. Jesus told Pilate that He was a king, to reach him at his level of understanding. When he would not embrace the truth, Jesus began to be silent. Jesus gave a witness that all power is from the Father. Jesus did not say Pilate was innocent, but that the Jews had done a worse sin.

Jesus respects a man's right to reject Him.

Believing Thomas

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John 20:24-29

Thomas said to the other disciples:

I will not believe until I touch Him

Thomas said to Jesus:

My Lord and my God

Jesus Said to Thomas:

1. Reach and touch me
2. You see and then you believe
3. Others are blessed because they believe without seeing

Thomas verbalized what others felt about Jesus' resurrection, "too hard to believe without seeing." The Lord Jesus invited Thomas to touch and see to believe. Thomas confessed Jesus was his Lord.

Jesus teaches that we are more blessed to believe on Jesus by the word, To believe by faith and not by sight (2Cor 5:7). If the speaker is trustworthy, his word can be believed without doubt. God has proved Himself to us.

Man is more blessed accepting God's salvation gift by faith not by sight.