

Two 'Covert' Encounters With Jesus

Encounters With Jesus, part 2

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Jesus' prescription for the irreligious

1. Recognize your deep, unmet spiritual need

Jesus replied, 'If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.'

John 4:10

(NLT)

2. Acknowledge your quest failed to satisfy

'Please, sir,' the woman said, 'give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water.' 'Go and get your husband,' Jesus told her.

John 4:15-16 (NLT)

3. Find your salvation in Jesus Christ

The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one

speaking to you—I am he.'

John

4:25-26 (NIV)

Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, 'He told me everything I ever did!'

John 4:39 (NLT)

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Jesus' prescription for the self-righteous

1. Recognize your smug, self-satisfaction

'Rabbi,' he said, 'we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.' Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.'

John 3:2-3 (NLT)

2. Acknowledge your trust in the wrong source of salvation

How are these things possible?' Nicodemus asked. Jesus replied, 'You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony. But if you don't

believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how
can you possibly believe if I tell you about
heavenly things? *John 3:9-12 (NLT)*

3. Find your salvation in Jesus Christ

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his
one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent
his Son into the world not to judge the world, but
to save the world through him.

John 3:16 (NLT)

With Joseph of Arimathea came Nicodemus, the man
who had come to Jesus at night.

John 19:39 (NLT)