

# The Evangelism of Jesus

## 1 The Religious: Nicodemus

**John 3.1-21** <sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; <sup>2</sup>this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>“Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>“If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>“No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>“As Moses lifted up

the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; <sup>15</sup>so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup>“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>“For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>“But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

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## 2 The Immoral: The Samaritan woman at the well

**John 4.1-42** <sup>1</sup> Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), <sup>3</sup> He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And He had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; <sup>6</sup> and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the

way here to draw." <sup>16</sup> He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup> "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

<sup>27</sup> At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said

to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. <sup>35</sup>“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup>“Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>“For in this *case* the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>“I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup>From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>Many more believed because of His word; <sup>42</sup>and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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### 3 The Sick / Blind: The paralytic

Matthew 9.1-8 <sup>1</sup> Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over *the sea* and came to His own city.

<sup>2</sup> And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup> And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This *fellow* blasphemes.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>“Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk’? <sup>6</sup> “But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup> And he got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> But when the crowds saw *this*, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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## 4 The Possessed: The Gerasene demoniac

Mark 5.1-20 <sup>1</sup> They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, <sup>3</sup> and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; <sup>4</sup> because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. <sup>6</sup> Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; <sup>7</sup> and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" <sup>8</sup> For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup> And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." <sup>10</sup> And he *began* to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. <sup>12</sup> *The demons* implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." <sup>13</sup> Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand *of them*; and they were drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup> Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And *the people* came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup> They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been

demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened. <sup>16</sup> Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and *all* about the swine. <sup>17</sup> And they began to implore Him to leave their region. <sup>18</sup> As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. <sup>19</sup> And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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## 5 The Children: Brought by parents

Mark 10.13-16 <sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> “Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*.” <sup>16</sup> And He took them in His arms and *began* blessing them, laying His hands on them.

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## 6 The Rich: The rich, young ruler

Mark 10.17-31 <sup>17</sup> As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> “You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’” <sup>20</sup> And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.” <sup>21</sup> Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> They were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Looking at them, Jesus said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s

sake, <sup>30</sup> but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> “But many *who are* first will be last, and the last, first.”

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## 7 The Hated: Zacchaeus, the tax gatherer

**Luke 19.1-10** <sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” <sup>6</sup> And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. <sup>7</sup> When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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## 8 The Condemned The two thieves at the cross

Luke 23.32-47<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. <sup>34</sup> But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" <sup>38</sup> Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> "And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" <sup>43</sup> And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

<sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR

HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. <sup>47</sup> Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent."

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### Overall Summary

Summarize what you have learned.

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