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# Encountering Jesus

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**You can be in close proximity to Jesus and still miss the life He offers — religious knowledge and moral achievement are not enough for salvation**

*John 3:3*

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*You could be in close proximity with Jesus, but still miss the life he offers.*

at 8:56

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## Jesus meets honest curiosity with invitation — rebirth comes not through self-reformation but through the Spirit's transforming work

*John 3:5-8*

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*Religion can get you near Jesus. Man, it could get you to have a conversation with Jesus. It could get you here to talk about Jesus. But only surrendering your life brings you into life with Jesus.*

at 11:44

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**Religion gives knowledge, but Jesus gives new life — the gospel is not about achievement but about believing in the Son who was lifted up for us**

*John 3:14-16*

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*You don't need improvement. You need rebirth.*

at 13:12

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**A real encounter with Jesus transforms faith from curious to courageous to committed — seen in Nicodemus's progression from night visit to public defense to burial worship**

*John 19:39*

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*It's the most important question you're ever going to answer in your life, is who do you say Jesus is?*

at 24:06