

Jesus has Your Number – The Conversation You Need

Welcome

Rough conversations?

I just **needed** someone to say the right thing—and instead, I got the **wrong** thing.

EX: Terrible day, and instead of, “Man, that’s tough,” someone says, “Well, it could be worse.”

EX: You’ve been stuck, unsure what to do next, and someone just says, “Oh, just trust God.” Okay, great, but... **how**?

We’ve all been there, right?

Sometimes, people just don’t know the conversation we need.

-brush off

-lecture us

-generic cliché one-size-fits-all advice.

And here's what's crazy—sometimes *religion* does the same thing.

Religion is a rough conversation.

Religion often gives the same script to everyone:

“Struggling?” Read your Bible more.

“Doubting?” Just have more faith.

“Feeling lost?” Just go to church.

Now, don't get me wrong—those things *matter*. But they don't always speak to the **actual** conversation you need.

Because your struggles are not “one-size-fits-all,” your faith journey is not “one-size-fits-all.”

That's where Jesus is different.

Jesus doesn't do one-size-fits-all.
He speaks to you personally.
He meets you exactly where you are.

And we see this so clearly in two of the most famous conversations in the Bible:

- Nicodemus in John 3
- The woman at the well in John 4

Two very different people.
Two very different needs.
Jesus gives them exactly what they need.

Nicodemus (John 3)

Let's start with Nicodemus (John 3).

Nicodemus was a Pharisee — a religious leader, with power, status, education. He knew all the rules, all the theology. He had religion figured out.

But here's the problem—he was comfortable.

So when Nicodemus sneaks out at night to talk to Jesus, what does Jesus do? He shakes him up. He doesn't start with comfort. He starts with a challenge:

“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” (John 3:3, NIV)

Nicodemus is confused. “Born again? What does that even mean?”

A good Jew would know their natural birth lineage. They would be able to trace their family tree to a specific tribe, to Abraham, and likely even Adam. This was their religion... they were comfortable with this tradition.

AND JESUS SAYS... your natural birth is not good enough. You need to be BORN AGAIN.

Jesus is pushing him—Nicodemus, you think you have it all figured out, but you're missing it. You don't need more religion. You need transformation.

This is the conversation Nicodemus needed.

The woman at the well. (John 4)

Now, let's compare that with the woman at the well. (John 4)

This woman was the opposite of Nicodemus.

Outcast, Samaritan, rejected, alone, gathering water in the 'middle of the day' so she could avoid people.

Where Nicodemus had status, she had shame.

And how does Jesus talk to her?

Not with a challenge—but with kindness.

“Will you give me a drink?” (John 4:7, NIV)

He starts with connection, not correction.

He meets her where she is.

Most Jews hated Samaritans, he was willing to speak to this woman and even drink water with her.

And as the conversation unfolds, Jesus reveals something profound:

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.” (John 4:13-14, NIV)

Nicodemus needed to be shaken up.

The woman at the well needed to be lifted up.

This is why Jesus is different from religion.

Religion says, “Here’s the script. Follow it.”
Jesus says, “I see you. Let’s talk.”

Are we going to be like Religion or Jesus?

So let’s bring this home for you.

The truth is, Jesus is speaking to you.
Right now, He is trying to communicate with
you.... But are you listening?

Maybe you’re like Nicodemus—you think
you have everything under control, but
Jesus is trying to shake you up.

Or maybe you’re like the woman at the
well—you feel lost, unworthy, ashamed,
and Jesus is trying to tell you, “I see you,
and I love you.”

So here's the challenge:

Jesus may not give us the conversation we want, but the conversation we need.

What is the conversation that you really need?

Are you too comfortable and you need to be shaken up?

Are you downcast and need to be lifted up?

What is the conversation our community needs?

Jesus loved both Nicodemus and the woman at the well.

Jesus loves each of us...

Jesus loves everyone in our community...

Jesus has our number... He has the conversation we need.

Imagine if we all got this right.

Imagine if, instead of religion giving people a script and a tradition, we introduced them to a Savior who can transform us.

Imagine if people saw the real Jesus in us—the one who comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.

Jesus knows exactly what you need.

The question is— are you listening?

Call to Action

#1 This Week: Ask Jesus What He's Saying to You.

-Take 5 minutes each day and pray, "Jesus, what do You want to say to me today?"

#2 This Week: Be the Right Conversation for Someone Else.

-Think about one person in your life who's struggling.

-Show up for them the way Jesus would.

#3 Right Now: Open Your Heart to Transformation.

-Jesus is here, and He is speaking. Right now. Receive!