



A Tale of Two Seekers

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BIG IDEA: No matter who you are — religious or broken, insider or outsider — **EVERYONE** needs the same thing: **NEW LIFE** that only Jesus can give.

The seeker who thought he had it all together — **NICODEMUS**

John 3:1-21

The seeker who knew she was broken — the **WOMAN** at the **WELL**

John 4:1-42

WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. **RELIGIOUS** or **BROKEN** — both need Jesus!

Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1, Luke 19:10

- **Ask:** What is preventing me from moving forward with Jesus., my **PRIDE** or my **PAST**?

2. Jesus meets me **WHERE** I am, but He will not **LEAVE** me there.

Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:8-10

- Grace is not **PERMISSION** to remain stuck, but **POWER** to be made new.
- **Ask:** Am I more afraid of Jesus changing me or not accepting me as I am?

3. Everyone must respond **PERSONALLY** to Jesus.

Mark 1:15, John 1:12, 3:16-18, Romans 10:9-10, 13

- I cannot **SAVE** myself... I cannot avoid **RESPONDING**.
- **Ask:** Have I surrendered to Jesus as Savior and Lord of my life? *John 3:16*
- “Whoever believes” is not just information, but an **INVITATION** to experience new life.

Two Seekers. Same Savior. Different Roads

Category	Nicodemus (John 3)	Woman at the Well (John 4)
Gender (Gen. 1:27)	Male	Female
Ethnicity	Jewish	Samaritan
Religious Position	Pharisee, "ruler of the Jews"	Religious outsider
Moral Reputation	Morally upright, externally righteous	Morally broken, publicly sinful
Social Standing	High status, honored, influential	Low status, avoided by others
Meeting Jesus	Came to Jesus at NIGHT	Jesus came to her at NOON
Barrier to Faith	PRIDE - Self-righteousness, religious pride, trusting status, and knowledge	PAST - Shame, brokenness, sin, relational wreckage
Jesus Approach	DIRECT , theological, confronts his need for new birth	RELATIONAL , gentle, exposes her life, offers living water
Offer of Salvation	A new life from above through spiritual rebirth	Eternal life that satisfies the deepest thirst
Response & Outcome	Leaves thoughtful, challenged, processing, still on the journey	Leaves transformed, tells her whole town about Jesus, bold, public witness
Time to be convinced	Potentially 3 YEARS (John 7:50-51, John 19:39-42)	Possibly 3 MINUTES
Lesson for us	I can be religious and LOST . My "goodness" isn't ENOUGH!	I can be broken and FOUND by Jesus. My brokenness isn't TOO MUCH .

Memory Verse:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

My next step today is to...

- Memorize John 3:16
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- Read John Chapter 3-4 this week
- Join a Group this spring to connect to Jesus' followers
- Attend the next START HERE
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Online Notes