



Meeting Jesus – seven people, seven turning points

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7 days of 8 minutes

Discovering through seven encounters how Jesus sees people and changes their lives

Preparation: 5 min

How to use the series: One devotion a day – ideal for a camp week, a holiday club or seven meetings. At the start, briefly recall the day before.

1 Part 1: Questions in the night

Bible: John 3:1–8

Nicodemus is a respected teacher – and comes to Jesus at night so that nobody sees him. He has questions. Jesus takes them seriously and says: “You must be born again.” Faith is not a knowledge test but a new beginning that God gives. Questions are welcome with Jesus – even the ones we ask at night.

Question: What question would you ask Jesus at night?

Prayer: *Jesus, thank you that I can come to you with all my questions. Give me a new beginning. Amen.*



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2 Part 2: Thirsty for more

Bible: John 4:7–15

Noon at the well – the hottest time of day, when nobody comes. A woman whom others avoid is fetching water. Jesus asks her for a drink and talks to her, although that was taboo at the time. He offers her “living water”: something that quenches the thirst of the soul. Jesus goes where others keep their distance.

💬 **Question:** What are you “thirsty” for in your life?

🙏 **Prayer:** *Jesus, only you can quench my deepest thirst. Thank you for coming towards me. Amen.*

3 Part 3: Whoever is without sin

Bible: John 8:3–11

A woman is dragged before Jesus; the stones are ready. Jesus writes in the dust and says: “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.” One after another they leave. Then Jesus says to her: “Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin.” Grace and a new start belong together.

💬 **Question:** Where do you judge others quickly?

🙏 **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you that you do not condemn me but give me a new start. Help me to be gracious to others. Amen.*

4 Part 4: What is holding me back?

Bible: Mark 10:17–22

A young, rich man runs up to Jesus: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” He keeps all the commandments. Jesus looks at him and loves him. Then he says: “Sell what you have and follow me.” The man goes away sad. It is not possessions as such, but what our heart clings to.

💬 **Question:** What would you find hard to let go of?

🙏 **Prayer:** *Jesus, you look at me with love. Show me what is holding me back, and set me free to follow you. Amen.*



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5 Part 5: Time for the one thing

Bible: Luke 10:38–42

Jesus is a guest. Martha rushes about, cooks, lays the table. Mary sits with Jesus and listens. Martha complains. Jesus says kindly: “Martha, you are worried about many things. But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better.” Work matters – but time with Jesus is the source from which everything else flows.

 **Question:** When do you take time simply to listen to Jesus?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, in the middle of all the busyness I invite you in. Help me to find time for the one thing. Amen.*

6 Part 6: Doubts allowed

Bible: John 20:24–29

The other disciples say: “Jesus is alive!” Thomas says: “I will not believe it unless I see it.” A week later Jesus comes – and does not scold him. He shows Thomas his wounds: “Touch them.” Thomas says: “My Lord and my God!” Jesus meets doubters patiently and personally.

 **Question:** Where do you find it hard to believe?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, you can handle my doubts. Meet me in a way that helps me believe. Amen.*

7 Part 7: A new start after failure

Bible: John 21:15–17

Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now they sit by a fire at the lake. Jesus asks him three times: “Do you love me?” Three times Peter answers: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” And Jesus says: “Feed my sheep.” No reproach, but a new task. With Jesus, failure is not the end.

 **Question:** Where do you need a new start?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, you do not give up on me, even when I fail. Thank you for every new start with you. Amen.*



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.