

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## Why The Cross? Four People, Four Stories, Four Transformations

### #1. Nicodemus

#### Four People, Four Stores, Four Transformations

1. Nicodemus (Today)
2. Woman at the well (3/23)
3. Blind man (3/30)
4. Lazarus (4/6)

A most important question: Does my life have meaning and purpose?

#### Nicodemus

- Pharisee, Sanhedrin, Teacher
- He stresses careful observance of the Law, obedience
- Searching: comes at night, "Rabbi," the signs you perform  
John 3:1-2

#### Jesus

- The heart of the issue – It is not what you do, but what God alone can do  
John 3: 3, 5, 7
- "Born again, Born anew, Born from above"
- Nicodemus: "That is impossible." Jesus: Exactly! It is a work that only God can do.
- This is an eternal life issue (it's always been this way)  
John 3:14-15
- It is for anyone who will believe – not just religious people  
John 3:16-17
- And, contrary to popular opinion – God does this out of His love, not His judgment

#### Why This Matters

- We are \_\_\_\_\_ by God – everyone is invited
- One divine requirement accomplished for all \_\_\_\_\_ for all \_\_\_\_\_
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is addressed in Jesus' action
- It gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective for life – trust and hope for every day
- Eternity – It matters

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