

A LIFE TRANSFORMED

Manuscript

Bible Study Resource

Meeting Jesus

LIFE TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE BIBLE

THE INTRO

Throughout the Gospels there are stories of individuals having transforming encounters with Jesus.

Two thousand years later, these stories can become places of transformation for us, as we encounter Jesus afresh through reading these stories in the Bible.

Meeting Jesus is always transformational, and these stories speak of every area of life being transformed. Just as with the individuals in the stories, we come with a myriad of needs in our lives: the need for vocation, for repentance and forgiveness, for healing, for resurrection, for being set free, and for seeing evil defeated in our lives.

May it be as we read these stories, that we meet Jesus, and through meeting Jesus afresh we might experience our own transforming encounter.

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THE METHOD

The manuscript method of Bible Study is an incredibly simple and effective way to study the Bible.

Using a Bible passage printed out on paper, the passage is read and observations marked with coloured pens. The aim is to read the Bible for ourselves and hear God speak through his word.

Manuscript does not assume Bible knowledge but instead gives everyone an opportunity to read the Biblical text and share and apply what they have learned.

Preparation

1. Print a copy of the passage manuscript for everyone taking part.
2. Provide coloured pens or pencils that folk can use to make notes and marks on their manuscript.

Study

Pray to begin, that God would speak, and that everyone would hear.

1. Read the text aloud together.
2. **Mark sections** – where you think the author might make a new paragraph break. Try to summarise in a few words what each section is about. Have a go at **summarising** what the entire passage is about. Do this individually, then feedback to the group.
3. Think about the **six big questions** in the passage: who, what, where, when, how and why. Using the coloured pens, underline, circle, or put a box around key phrases, themes or words that repeat. Draw lines between phrases, themes and words that are related. Do this individually, then discuss one-to-one or as a whole group what you have observed.
4. As a group, discuss the **why** of the passage – what is the author trying to say, what does this mean? Identify the key message(s).
5. Individually, in one-to-one's, or as a whole group, discuss how to **apply** this passage: what is God saying through it, and how should we respond to what God is saying?

Close in prayer, asking that God would continue to speak through his word, and that hearing, we would delight to obey.

Luke 5:1-11

1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding
2 round him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left
3 there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the
4 one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat
5 down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to
6 Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' Simon answered,
7 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say
8 so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done so, they caught such a large number of
9 fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat
10 to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to
11 sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me,
12 Lord; I am a sinful man!' For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of
13 fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.
14 Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' So they
15 pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:12-16

- 1 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy.
- 2 When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you are
- 3 willing, you can make me clean.' Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am
- 4 willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' And immediately the leprosy left him. Then Jesus ordered
- 5 him, 'Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that
- 6 Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.' Yet the news about him
- 7 spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their
- 8 illnesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:17-26

1 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there.
2 They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the
3 power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal those who were ill. Some men came carrying
4 a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.
5 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the
6 roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right
7 in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’
8 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, ‘Who is this
9 fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ Jesus knew what
10 they were thinking and asked, ‘Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?
11 Which is easier: to say, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up and walk”? But I
12 want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he
13 said to the paralysed man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’ Immediately
14 he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising
15 God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said,
16 ‘We have seen remarkable things today.’

Luke 5:27-31

- 1 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax
- 2 booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.
- 3 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors
- 4 and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who
- 5 belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax
- 6 collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but
- 7 those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

Luke 7:1-10

1 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered
2 Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was ill and
3 about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him,
4 asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded
5 earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation
6 and has built our synagogue.' So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house
7 when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not
8 deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself
9 worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself
10 am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go", and he goes; and
11 that one, "Come", and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this", and he does it.' When
12 Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said,
13 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.' Then the men who had been
14 sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Luke 7:11-17

1 Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd
2 went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried
3 out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town
4 was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, ‘Don’t cry.’
5 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood
6 still. He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, get up!’ The dead man sat up and began to talk,
7 and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. ‘A
8 great prophet has appeared among us,’ they said. ‘God has come to help his people.’ This
9 news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Luke 8:26-39

1 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When
2 Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long
3 time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When
4 he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you
5 want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' For Jesus
6 had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him,
7 and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains
8 and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, 'What is your
9 name?' 'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged
10 Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding
11 there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave
12 them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the
13 herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When those tending the
14 pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside,
15 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found
16 the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his
17 right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-
18 possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked
19 Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.
20 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him
21 away, saying, 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went
22 away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:40-56

1 Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. Then
2 a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him
3 to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As
4 Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had
5 been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind
6 him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 'Who
7 touched me?' Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the people are
8 crowding and pressing against you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; I know that
9 power has gone out from me.' Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed,
10 came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she
11 had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, 'Daughter,
12 your faith has healed you. Go in peace.' While Jesus was still speaking, someone came
13 from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' he said. 'Don't
14 bother the teacher anymore.' Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid; just
15 believe, and she will be healed.' When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let
16 anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother.
17 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. 'Stop wailing,' Jesus
18 said. 'She is not dead but asleep.' They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But
19 he took her by the hand and said, 'My child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and at once
20 she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were
21 astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

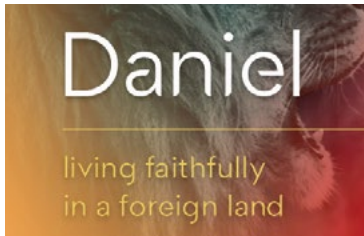
Luke 18:35-43

1 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When
2 he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of
3 Nazareth is passing by.' He called out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those
4 who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more,
5 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to
6 him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Lord,
7 I want to see,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed
8 you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the
9 people saw it, they also praised God.

Luke 19:1-10

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of
2 Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus
3 was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and
4 climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus
5 reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately.
6 I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.
7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'
8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half
9 of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay
10 back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house,
11 because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to
12 save the lost.'

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