



# SERMON OUTLINE

## A Sermon Outline For A Message On Easter From The Gospel of John

### FOLLOWING JESUS | Snapshots of Transformation

#### Introduction

*Scripture: John 8:36*

*“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).*

Theme: Easter is a time when the Church comes together to celebrate the pivotal event of our faith – the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Beating in the heart of every Christian throughout history has been a desire to know the transforming power that raised Jesus, healing us and conforming us to Christ daily.

#### 1. Point 1: *The Transformation of The Disciples*

*Scriptures: John 1:43-51*

Theme: The calling of Nathanael is a case study in a heart-turned-on. Philip is called by Jesus to “Come, follow me” (v. 43) in a way we’ve seen other disciples called. But Nathanael? He’s not so sure Nazareth is a good city to raise a Messiah. Jesus knows what we need to come alive. He knew Nathanael needed a spiritual boost to start him moving (v. 47-51). Has God ever given you a “boost” to get you going His direction?

#### 2. Point 2: *The Transformation of Nicodemus*

*Scriptures: John 3:1-8*

Theme: Nicodemus is an ordinary man, a faithful man, a leading man, and a Pharisee to the world of his time. But Jesus sees Nicodemus as a key player in His future, and, over the course of a long conversation, welcomes Nicodemus to rethink his entire knowledge of God to that point. Has God ever spoken to you through His Word, in such a way that it came alive and began to flip your idea of God upside down?

#### 3. Point 3: *The Transformation of Mary of Bethany*

*Scriptures: John 12:1-3*

Theme: In John 12 we encounter the precious story of Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, and her lavish, perfumed response of gratefulness to Jesus. In Luke 10:48-42, we see Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet, growing slowly and surely as a disciple. How does her lavish response of worship indicate her transformation? What responses in your life evidence that you’ve been touched by the Holy Spirit?

#### Conclusion

*Scriptures: John 21:25*

Theme: John tells us that Jesus did many things – miracles of transformation that would fill more volumes than the world could hold. What is God doing in your life, right now, that you could write a book about?