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today's message

# DIVINE TRANSFORMATIONS

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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

▶▶▶▶ *The Book of Acts*

# Chapter Recap

- Acts 1** – Jesus promises Holy Spirit & then ascends.
- Acts 2** – Pentecost and sending of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 3** – Peter & John heal the lame beggar at gate.
- Acts 4** – Peter/John put in jail, called to give account.
- Acts 5** – Ananias & Sapphira/Healings/Persecution.
- Acts 6** – Stephen seized for his faith in Jesus.
- Acts 7** – Stephen gives witness then stoned to death.
- Acts 8** – Increase of believers through Philip/others.

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A sunset or sunrise scene with a dark landscape in the foreground and a bright, colorful sky in the background. The sky transitions from a deep red at the top to a lighter orange and yellow near the horizon. Several birds are silhouetted against the sky, flying in the upper left corner.

**Divine Transformation...  
Is all around us!**

**Life Transformations...  
are all around us!**



# Straight Street – Damascus, Syria



A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a dark landscape. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors of orange, red, and yellow, transitioning into a dark, silhouetted horizon. Several birds are seen in flight against the bright sky in the upper left corner.

**Do we still believe in Divine  
Transformations today?**

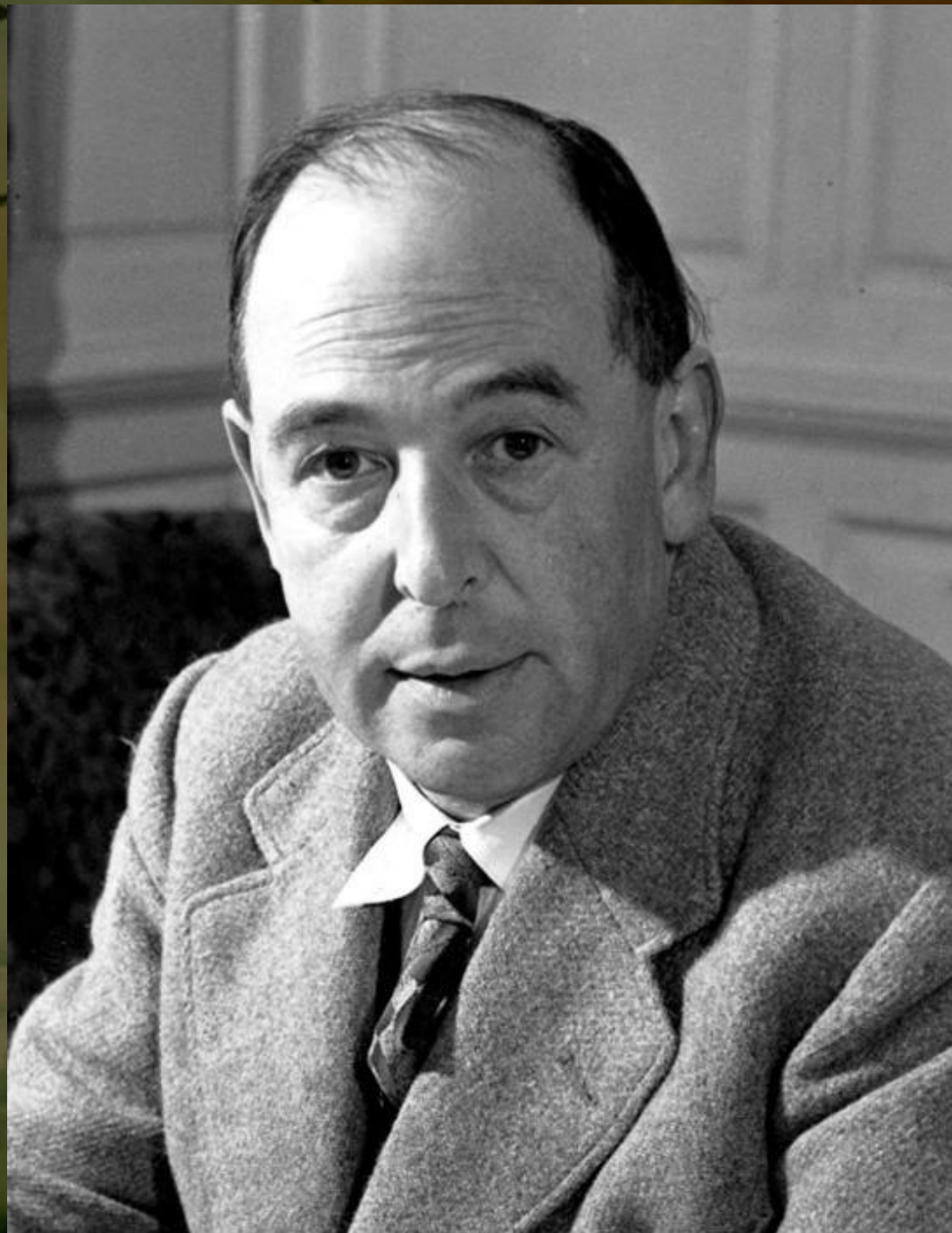
**YES!**

**Even in those who seem  
so far from God!**



# William Wilberforce

18th century British politician whose conversion to Christ shifted him from a life of luxurious self-interest to an unwavering, decades-long passion to abolish the slave trade in England and other places.



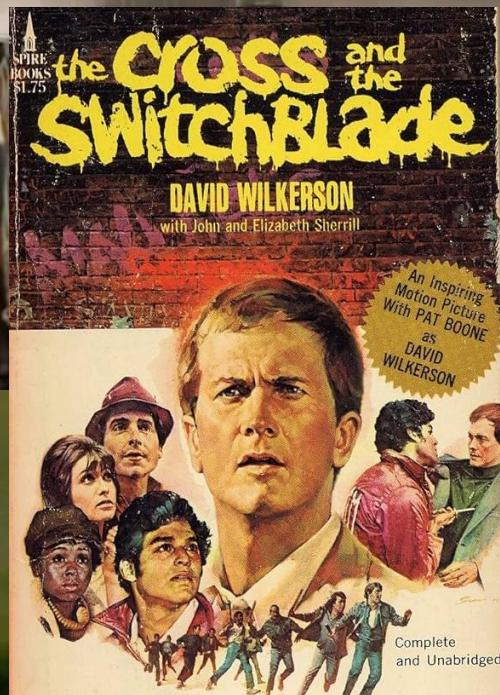
# C.S. Lewis

Was a famous Oxford scholar and an atheist in his early life.

After intense spiritual wrestling, he accepted Christ and became one of the most influential Christian apologists of the 20th century. His writings became Christian classics.

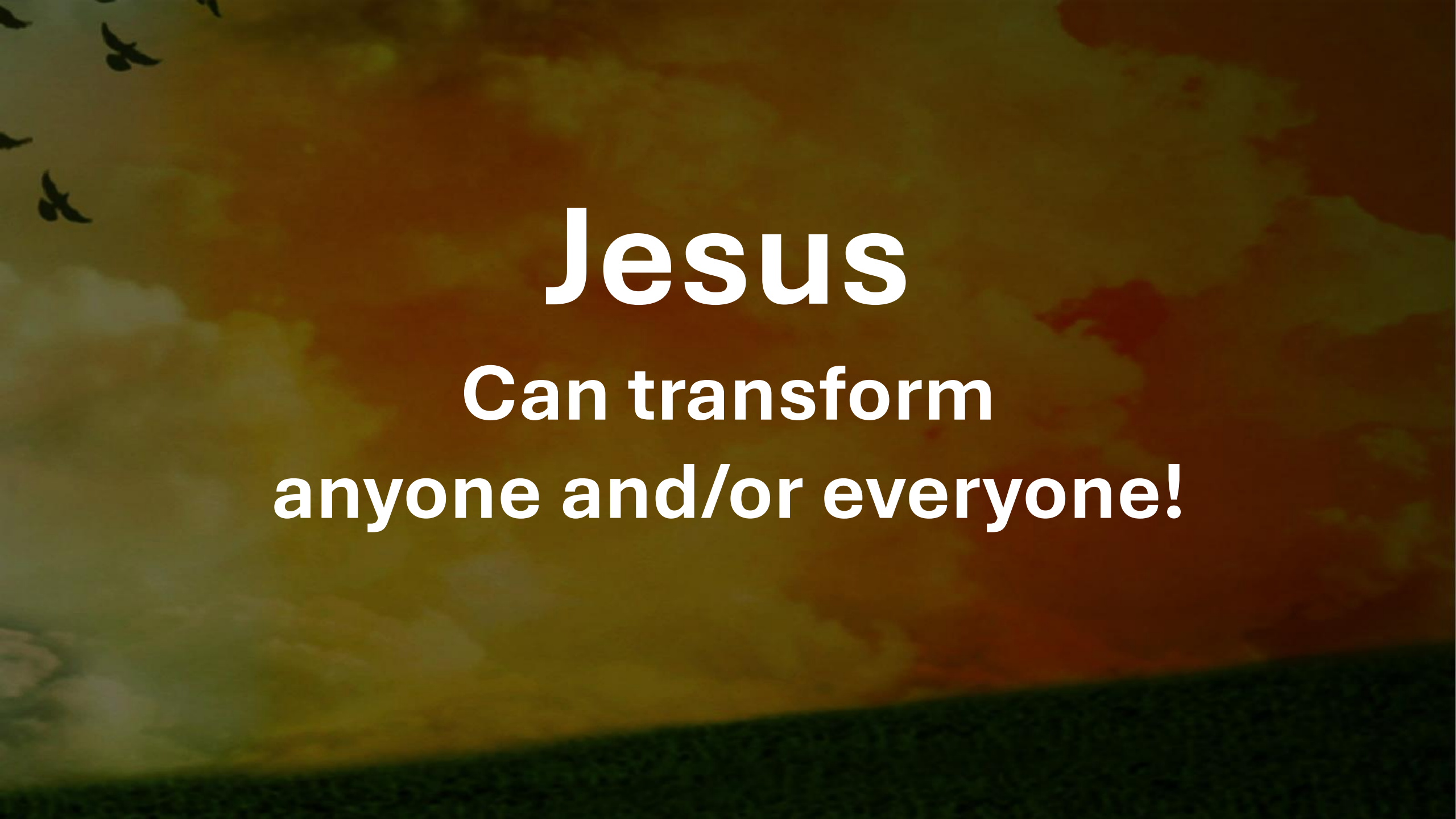
# Nicky Cruz

Violent, abusive gang member in NYC whose life was radically turned around after a 1958 encounter with pastor David Wilkerson. Cruz would then go on to become a powerful global evangelist. His transformation story is told in the book “The Cross and The Switchblade.”





**Charles (Chuck) Colson**  
Special Counsel to President Nixon who went to jail for involvement in Watergate scandal. In prison he gave his life to Christ. When released from prison he wrote Christian books and started the ministry Prison Fellowship to share Jesus with prisoners and their families.

A sunset or sunrise over a dark landscape. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors of orange, yellow, and red, with soft, wispy clouds. In the upper left corner, several birds are seen in flight, their silhouettes dark against the bright sky. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

# Jesus

**Can transform  
anyone and/or everyone!**

**For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.... But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles, only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.**

**Galatians 1:13-20**

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a dark landscape. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors of orange, red, and yellow, with dark clouds scattered throughout. In the upper left corner, several birds are seen in flight, their silhouettes dark against the lighter sky. The overall mood is one of awe and transformation.

**Transformed!**

**Sanctified!**

**Called!**

**Surrendered!**