

New Life

Something's not right

John 3



“After dark”

Vs 1

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

Man in a male run society

Pharisee

- Intelligent, a gifted scholar
- A ruler of the Jews
- A sought after counselor
- A man of authority in Jerusalem

The name Nicodemus means
“victor over people”

Jewish ruling council:
The great Sanhedrin

The Sanhedrin had 70 members

- Unblemished moral reputation
- Without any physical blemish
- The offspring of Jewish parents
- In the prime of life, and wealthy
- Educated in the Divine law, secular knowledge, foreign languages

This guy was the cream of the crop

He had it together

He was getting it done

Vs 2

He came to Jesus at night...

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He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Vs 3

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

#1

**When something's not
right I need Jesus to make
the diagnosis**

“You must be born again”

Vs 4

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked.

"Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

Vs 5

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Born of water

- The “water” - natural birth
- The “water” - baptism
- The “water” - repentance ministry of John the Baptist

#2

**This new birth includes
repentance and rebirth**

Vs 6-7

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but
the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
You should not be surprised at
my saying, 'You must be born
again.'

Vs 8

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

#3

**This new birth, given by
the Spirit, will not leave me
the same**

Vs 9

"How can this be?" Nicodemus
asked.

If we are waiting for a complete understanding of all truth prior to believing some truth we will never believe any truth

Vs 10

"You are Israel's teacher," said
Jesus, "and do you not
understand these things?"

Vs 11

I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

Vs 12-13

I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-- the Son of Man.

Vs 14-15

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

#4

“This new birth is very costly, but do not worry I will pay the bill” *-Jesus-*

Vs 16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#5

**Jesus is not afraid to
deliver “rattle my chain”
truth**

Vs 17

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

#6

**Jesus is not in my life to
condemn me, He is here to
give me life**

Vs 18

Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because He has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Vs 19-20

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

Vs 21

But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Shinning a light on my darkness
may seem like condemnation

#7

**The Light is a grow light
not a hot light**

John 19

Vs 38-40a

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus...He was accompanied by

Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.

#8

**A real encounter with Jesus
will alter me and my life**

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#4 – “This new birth is very costly but do not worry I will pay the bill”-Jesus-

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