

## Encounters with Jesus Part 5: Nicodemus

### “How Can These Things Be?”

John 3:1-21

**2:12-13** Jesus and gang in Capernaum. **2:14-22** Jesus and the first temple cleansing (2<sup>nd</sup> temple cleansing Mt 21, Mr 11, Lk 19).

**2:23-25** Many believed, signs, but Jesus...

Samaritans in 4:39-42 did truly believe.

Jews in 8:30-31 had issues with belief: 8:59.

**3:1-2** Education can hinder belief. Not an excuse for laziness.

**3:3-8** “Truly, truly” is literally “Amen, amen.” Very important!  
Nicodemus cannot understand without the Spirit.

**3:9** Nicodemus is not getting it, but admits it.  
Similar to Mary in Luke 1:29, 2:19, 2:51.

**3:10** Jesus expects Nicodemus to know about the Holy Spirit's work and the necessity of it to understand spiritual things.  
Is. 32:15, Ez. 36:25-27, Joel 2:28-29, 1 Sam. 10:6, Jer. 31:33

**3:11-13** Jesus has been there and is testifying.

**3:14-15** Numbers 21:4-9. Nicodemus will get this later.  
(2 Kings 18:1-4 Hezekiah breaks the bronze serpent)

**3:16** Perhaps the greatest verse in the Bible: God's love, initiative, action, sacrifice, our responsibility, results, eternal security.

**3:17** God could have sent His Son to condemn.

**3:18** All humans are in Adam, and are all judged already.

**3:19** “Light” used 24 times by John. 3 times in Chapter 1,  
Jesus said “I am the Light of the World” in 8:12, 9:5,  
then three times in Chapter 12.

**3:20-21** Cannot hide (Gen. 3:8).

“...deeds... wrought in God” 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10

**7:43-52** Nicodemus speaks up. **19:38-42** Nicodemus at tomb.