

## Encounters with Jesus Part 6: Nicodemus

### “Pointing to Jesus”

#### John 3:22-36

#### **The problem with John's disciples' statement:**

- They heard John testify about Jesus (26, 28).
- They were probably jealous (27).

#### **The power of John's answer:**

- Great analogy (29). Rejoice in God's work anywhere!
- Seven words! (30)
  - 14:20 Jesus says “You in Me, and I in you.”
  - This summarizes our life's walk with Jesus and the Spirit.
    - We learn from God's Word.
    - We fellowship and sharpen each other through fellowship.
    - We learn to pray to God.
    - We walk less in our flesh, and more by the Holy Spirit.
    - We walk more in the works God has created for us.
    - We want to take charge and change ourselves and do God's work, but we must rest in God's methods and trust in His work in us.
  - Also applicable to other people in our lives.

#### **The Person of Jesus:**

- Jesus is from above (twice) and is above all (twice). (31)
- Jesus has seen it and wants so much to tell us! (32)
- When we believe, we see it is true. (33)
- 39 times the Gospel of John refers to Jesus being sent from God! (34)
- Jesus has the Spirit without measure. (34)
- MacDonald says seven times in John's gospel that the Father loves the Son, manifested here in giving Jesus control over all things. (35)
- MacDonald: “Among these things over which the Savior has complete charge are the destinies of men.” (36)
- Eternal life now (36).
- Wrath of God “remains.” (36)
- Wrath of God
  - Outcome of God's perfect goodness
  - Mentioned in God's Word to draw all to His salvation