

A Night with Jesus

John 3:1-15



Coming to Jesus...

- Nicodemus, a man of religion, power, wealth
 - Pharisee and “ruler” = Sanhedrin member
 - He had everything he could gain in this world
 - Yet, he needed to “Meet with Jesus”...
- Many times we see this in our lives...
 - Friends at work
 - Family we see at funerals and weddings
 - They all need to have a time with Jesus...



Strange Responses

- Rabbi, you come from God, signs you do...
 - So far, he had made wine and cleared the Temple!
 - Note: “we know”, Jesus brings it down “unless one”
 - This is not a “we Religion”, but a One-on-One w/God
 - Born again ore you cannot SEE God’s Kingdom!
- Question #1 – HOW can that happen? (4)
 - Looking for relationship of works, go back to mom?
 - Saw himself as “old” instead of re-born...



Calling to a Heart

- Born of Spirit is Key... to ENTER the Kingdom
 - You are born from and to the same element
 - Don't marvel! *thaumazo*, wonder... born again???
- Spirit/Wind (*pneuma*) Hear sounds, see effects...
 - You have NO CONTROL...
 - You have NO POWER... (we all LOVE to hear this!)
- So is EVERYONE born of Spirit...
 - This is about us!!! “so it is with everyone...”
 - Spirit effects, blows, moves on/in US!! Like trees...



Another question Teacher?

- How can these things be?
 - This concept was hard for Nicodemus...
 - He was “the teacher” of Israel... another laurel...
 - Chair of Moses, Samuel, Ezra... culture, customs...
- “we speak”, JB, Jesus, Spirit... not received! (11)
- Earthly things hard? How will you handle Spirit?
 - No one has Ascended, but ONE Descended
 - Son of Man...



Look and Live...

- Jesus has called Nicodemus far...
- Takes him back to what he knows...
- As the Serpent (Numbers 21)...
 - time of impatience and rejection of God's gifts...
 - Symbol of the curse is lifted up
- As that one was, so I WILL BE LIFTED UP
 - Symbol of our failures, rebellion and sin...
 - Whoever believes...

