

Message Notes

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Encountering Christ
Nicodemus
John 3:1-21
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- ◆ Though _____, this passage is _____ to *encounter Christ*.
- ◆ Jesus addresses both the _____ & _____ of our lives.

Meeting Nicodemus

- ◆ Nicodemus was a _____, ruler & _____ of Israel. (Jn 3:1, 10)

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. **John 3:1 (NIV)**

- ◆ No one rivaled the _____ in being _____. (Mt 23:13-36)
- ◆ Nicodemus is at the very _____ of the religious _____.

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." **John 3:3 (NLT)**

- ◆ Jesus says: _____ you think you know about God is _____.
- ◆ It's not just _____ we _____ but _____ we _____ that must be changed.
- ◆ Jesus is rebuilding the _____ not just tweaking the _____.
- ◆ Jesus claims He's the _____ means of _____. (Jn 11:25-26; 14:6)

Being Born Again

- ◆ Being _____ occurs only through _____. (Jn 3:16-21; Ac 16:31)

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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. **John 3:16-17 (NIV)**

- ◆ Eternal life is not based on what I _____ but on what Christ _____.

What About Me?

- ◆ Nicodemus comes to _____ Jesus is the _____ to God. (Jn 19:38-40)
- ◆ Have I ever really _____ Christ's _____ and been born again?