

Jesus and Nicodemus (April 30)

John 2:23–3:21

Jesus' Miracles in Jerusalem

2:23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name *because they* saw his signs which he was doing.

24 But Jesus himself did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all *people*,

25 and because he did not need anyone to testify about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

The New Birth

3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees whose name was Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to him at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that *you are* a teacher who has come from God, for no one is able to perform these signs that you are performing unless God were with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born *when he* is an old man? He is not able to enter into his mother’s womb for the second time and be born, *can he?*”

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born of water and spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘It is necessary for you to be born from above.’

8 The wind blows wherever it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” [cf. [Ezek 36:25–27](#); [11:19–20](#); [Jer 31:33–34](#)]

9 Nicodemus answered and said to him, “How can these *things* be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and you do not understand these *things*?

11 Truly, truly I say to you, we speak what we know, and we testify *about* what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony!

12 If I tell you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 And no one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, thus it is necessary *that* the Son of Man be lifted up, [cf. [Num 21:8–9](#)]

15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.”

16 For in this way God loved the world, so that he gave his one and only Son, in order that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world in order that he should judge the world, but in order that the world should be saved through him.

18 The one who believes in him is not judged, but the one who does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For everyone who practices evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds be exposed.

21 But the one who practices the truth comes to the light, in order that his deeds may be revealed, that they are done in God.