

BORN AGAIN ... SAY WHAT?

Series: “*SURPRISING INSIGHTS FROM THE LIFE OF JESUS*”, Part 1 of 6

Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: John 3:1-21

Big Idea: Getting to be a part of God’s Kingdom does not come as a reward for righteous living, it comes as a result of being born again.

1. WHO IS THIS GUY NAMED: NICODEMUS?

A. He was successful.

B. He was spiritual.

John 3:1, “Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.”

Proverbs 16:18, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

C. He was still seeking.

John 3:2, “He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

2. WHAT DID JESUS OFFER HIM?

John 3:3, “In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

John 3:14-16, “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ “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.”

John 3:6-9, "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked."

John 3:17-18, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

3. HOW DID NICODEMUS RESPOND?

John 19:38-39, Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.