

Revival Christian Fellowship

Night Scenes of the Bible

John 3:1-16 - The Night with the Teacher

October 10, 2021

Main Point: You must be born again.

Introduction

- Read John 2:23-24. Why did the people believe in Jesus? Why didn't Jesus entrust/commit Himself to them?

Understanding

1. The Necessity of Being Born Again. Read John 3:1-5.

- a. What do we learn about Nicodemus in these verses? What was missing in his life, according to Jesus?
- b. Why might this interview of Nicodemus have taken place at night?
- c. What convinced Nicodemus that Jesus was from God?
- d. What is the Kingdom of God and what is required to enter the kingdom of God?
- e. If someone were to ask you the question Nicodemus asked Jesus, "How can someone be born again" what would you tell them?"
- f. What is the difference between what Nicodemus believed and practiced, and what Jesus said about being born again?

- g. Like Nicodemus, how do people try to justify that they will go to heaven?
- h. What is impossible to do apart from being born a second time?
- i. If being born of water does not mean baptism, what does it mean?
- j. What can we learn from the following two verses?
 - i. Ezekiel 36:24-27
 - ii. Titus 3:5

2. The Nature of the New Birth - Read John 3:6-13.

- a. What is Jesus saying in verse 6 about flesh and the Spirit?
- b. How does Jesus describe the work of the Spirit in verses 7-8?
- c. In what ways did Nicodemus's extensive knowledge of the law actually hinder his faith?
- d. When someone is born again, what are some of the changes we would expect to see the Holy Spirit bring into their life?

e. What can we learn about our new life in Christ from 2 Corinthians 5:17?

3. The Basis of the New Birth. Read John 3:14-16.

a. God didn't remove the venomous snakes in Numbers 21:4-9 but gave the people a remedy for the problem. How does this relate to the gospel message?

b. What does Jesus mean by the word "believe" in verses 15 and 16? How do people misunderstand this?

c. Pastor John refers to John 3:16 as the bible summarized in one verse. What does that mean?

d. How does Nicodemus's story help us understand the type of real-life change God wants to do in our lives?

e. What words from this passage help us understand the manner of God's love for us?

Application

- What can we do to keep our relationship with Jesus the center of our lives this week?