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LIFE CHANGING CONVERSATIONS

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Nicodemus: Conversation in the Darkness
John 3:1-21

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John 3:1-21 CSB

There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. [2] This man came to him at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him." [3] Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." [4] "How can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked him. "Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?" [5] Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. [8] The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." [9] "How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus. [10] "Are you a teacher of Israel and don't know these things?" Jesus replied. [11] "Truly I tell you, we speak what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. [12] If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? [13] No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven -the Son of Man. [14] "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, [15] so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. [16] For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. [18] Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. [19] This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. [20] For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. [21] But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God."

The next time we hear about Nicodemus is found in the scriptures below:

John 7:50-52 CSB

Nicodemus-the one who came to him previously and who was one of them-said to them, [51] "Our law doesn't judge a man before it hears from him and knows what he's doing, does it?" [52] "You aren't from Galilee too, are you?" they replied. "Investigate and you will see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

John 19:38-42 CSB

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus-but secretly because of his fear of the Jews-asked Pilate that he might remove Jesus's body. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and took his body away. [39] Nicodemus (who had previously come to him at night) also came, bringing a mixture of about seventy-five pounds of myrrh and aloes. [40] They took Jesus's body and wrapped it in linen cloths with the fragrant spices, according to the burial custom of the Jews. [41] There was a garden in the place where he was crucified. A new tomb was in the garden; no one had yet been placed in it. [42] They placed Jesus there because of the Jewish day of preparation and since the tomb was nearby.

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John 3:3 CSB

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John 3:7 CSB

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Must be Born Again

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John 3:13-15 CSB

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Introduces Eternal Life



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John 3:16-17 CSB

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God Loves Us This Much



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John 3:21 CSB

But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God

John 8:12 CSB

Jesus spoke to them again:

"I am the light of the world.

Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

Jesus: The Light Of the World



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John 1:4-5 (New International Version):

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 12:46 (New International Version):

"I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

Isaiah 9:2 (New International Version):

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned."

Matthew 4:16 (New International Version):

"the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Luke 2:32 (New International Version):

"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

2 Corinthians 4:6 (New International Version):

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."

John 9:5 (New International Version):

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Ephesians 5:14 (New International Version):

"This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'"

1 John 1:5 (New International Version):

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him, there is no darkness at all."

Revelation 21:23 (New International Version):

"The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp."