



Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

Nicodemus

- What we're told
 - *A leading Pharisee – v. 1*
 - *The teacher of Israel – v. 11*
- Superficial faith
 - *Context – 2:23-25*
 - *Faith in signs, not Jesus – 3:2*
 - *He comes at night – why?*
(John 9:38-41, 13:30)



Reconsider Faith

- “Born again” – beginning of new life
 - *Does Nicodemus take Jesus literally?*
 - *Or does he scoff in unbelief?*
 - *Compare John 6:60, 10:20*
- “Born from above” – source of new life
 - *Jesus’ origin – 3:31*
 - *This rebirth can only come from God – 3:5-8*



Water & Spirit

- A spiritual rebirth which happens at water baptism
- Water and Spirit working together
 - *Ezekiel 36:25-27*
 - *Titus 3:5-6, 1 Cor. 12:13, Acts 2:38*
- Not baptism alone
 - *Belief / obedient trust – v. 15-16, 31*
 - *Repentance – v. 19-21*



A Deeper Faith

- The depth of transformation happening in our lives
- Total dependence on God for salvation
- Primary ingredient for a deeper faith – God's gift of love (Eph. 3:14-19)



Nicodemus Beyond

- Taking risks to show faith in Jesus
 - *Defending Jesus – 7:50-52*
 - *Burying Jesus – 19:39*
 - *A growth of faith?*
- What about your faith – will it continue to grow?

