



## A MAN NAMED NICODEMUS

### *John 3:1-18*

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

When Nicodemus found Jesus, He approached Him with this realization, “*Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*” Nicodemus approached Jesus, understanding, by His miracles, that He was a teacher who had come from God, and yet was still surrounded by the presence of God.

**Key Application:** We, like Nicodemus, ought to approach Jesus with an accurate view of who He is in all aspects of our lives. We learn who Jesus is by viewing the things that He has done in this world, especially in our own lives.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT HEAVEN

Jesus, following his introduction to Nicodemus, begins to unlock the truth about being born again. He tells Nicodemus, “*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*” This truth, like all truth, is eternal; therefore, the only way we can enter the kingdom of God is to be born again, that is, to be born of the Spirit.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CROSS

When Jesus explains the necessity of being born again, he begins to speak of his coming death. He refers back to the lifting up of the serpent (See Numbers 21:8). Just as the lifting up of that serpent provided salvation, the lifting up of Jesus upon the cross, provides salvation for the world.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE

Building upon the understanding that Jesus is from Heaven and equal with God, we must be born again to enter into His kingdom, and His death provides us salvation, the mind is left to wonder, how may I enter into this? Jesus does not leave the seeking mind unsatisfied. He speaks to us the eternal words, “*Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*” I enter into this new birth, and therefore the Kingdom of God, by my belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and His sufficient sacrifice upon Calvary.