

John 3:1-12: "There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.'** Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? **Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?'**"

John 3:1-12 (cont): "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

"Nicodemus answered and said to Him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?'" **John 3:1-12**

AN INQUIRING MIND WANTS TO KNOW

"TRUTH TRIED"

NICODEMUS KNEW:

1) JESUS' MIRACLES UNQUESTIONED

John 3:1-2

2) JESUS' TEACHING UNQUESTIONABLE

John 3:3-8

3) NOT "HOW" IT WAS POSSIBLE

John 3:9-12

NICODEMUS TRIED TO LEARN MORE

John 3:13-21

"Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, 'Why have you not brought Him?' The officers answered, 'No man ever spoke like this Man!' Then the Pharisees answered them, 'Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.'" John 7:44-49

"Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, 'Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?' They answered and said to him, 'Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.'"

John 7:50-52

"TRUTH TRUE"

NICODEMUS KNEW:

1) JESUS' TEACHING WAS UNEQUALED

John 7:44-46

2) PHARISEES' TEACHING WAS UNEVEN

John 7:47-49 "crowd" Mark 12:37

3) GOD'S LAW WAS FAIR & BALANCED

John 7:50-52

**NICODEMUS BELIEVED GOD'S LAW IS
THE SAME FOR ALL NUMBERS 15:15-16**

"After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, **asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds."** **John 19:38-39**

“Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.” John 19:40-42

"TRUTH TREASURED"

NICODEMUS KNEW:

1) JESUS' BODY WAS A "ONE OF"

John 19:38 2 Corinthians 5:19

2) JESUS' BURIAL WAS PROPER

John 19:39-40

**3) JESUS' BURIAL PLACE COMPLETED
SIN'S JOURNEY John 19:41-42**

FROM EDEN TO GOLGOTHA

**NICODEMUS CAME TO JESUS CHRIST
TO KNOW TRUTH IS TRIED, TRUE,
TREASURED MATTHEW 28:18-20**