

~NICODEMUS (156)

(Nic-o-de'mus) [Conqueror of the People]

- A Pharisee and a teacher of Israel, a ruler of the Jews, that is, a member of the Sanhedrin, who is mentioned only in John's Gospel. **Nicodemus** was impressed with the signs that Jesus performed in Jerusalem at Passover time of **30 C.E.**
- Consequently, he visited Jesus one night and confessed that Jesus must have come from God. Probably out of fear of the Jews he chose the cover of darkness for this first visit.
- It was to Nicodemus that Jesus spoke of being, born again, in order to see the Kingdom of God, of no man's having ascended to heaven, about God's love as being shown by sending the Son to earth, and about the need to exercise faith.
- However, when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at its festival, many people put their faith in his name, viewing his signs that he was performing. (**John 2:23**)
- Now there was a man of the Pharisees, **Nicodemus** was his name, a ruler of the Jews. (**John 3:1**)
- This one came to him in the night and said to him; Rabbi, we know that you as a teacher have come from God, for no one can perform these signs that you perform unless God is with him. (**John 3:2**)
- In answer Jesus said to him; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (**John 3:3**)
- **Nicodemus** said to him; How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter into the womb of his mother a second time and be born, can he? (**John 3:4**)
- Jesus answered; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born from water and spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (**John 3:5**)
- What has been born from the flesh is flesh, and what has been

born from the spirit is spirit. (John 3:6)

- Do not marvel because I told you, you people must be born again. (John 3:7)
- The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone that has been born from the spirit. (John 3:8)
- In answer Nicodemus said to him; How can these things come about? (John 3:9)
- In answer Jesus said to him; Are you a teacher of Israel and yet do not know these things? (John 3:10)
- Most truly I say to you, what we know we speak and what we have seen we bear witness of, but you people do not receive the witness we give. (John 3:11)
- If I have told you earthly things and yet you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (John 3:12)
- Moreover, no man has ascended into heaven but he that descended from heaven, the Son of man. (John 3:13)
- And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up. (John 3:14)
- That everyone believing in him may have everlasting life. (John 3:15)
- For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)
- For God sent forth his Son into the world, not for him to judge the world, but for the world to be saved through him. (John 3:17)
- He that exercises faith in him is not to be judged. He that does not exercise faith has been judged already, because he has not exercised faith in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)
- Now this is the basis for judgment, that the light has come into

the world but men have loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were wicked. (**John 3:19**)

- For he that practices vile things hates the light and does not come to the light, in order, that his works may not be reprov'd. (**John 3:20**)
- But he that does what is true comes to the light, in order, that his works may be made manifest as having been worked in harmony with God. (**John 3:21**)
- About two and a half years later, at the Festival of Booths, the Pharisees sent officers to lay hold of Jesus. When the officers returned empty-handed, the Pharisees belittled them for making a report favorable to Jesus, whereupon **Nicodemus** spoke up, saying,
- Therefore the officers went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, and the latter said to them; Why is it you did not bring him in? (**John 7:45**)
- The officers replied; Never has another man spoken like this. (**John 7:46**)
- In turn the Pharisees answered; You have not been misled also, have you? (**John 7:47**)
- Not one of the rulers or of the Pharisees has put faith in him, has he? (**John 7:48**)
- But this crowd that does not know the Law are accursed people. (**John 7:49**)
- **Nicodemus**, who had come to him previously, and who was one of them, said to them. (**John 7:50**)
- Our Law does not judge a man unless first it has heard from him and come to know what he is doing, does it? (**John 7:51**)
- In answer they said to him; You are not also out of Galilee, are you? Search and see that no prophet is to be raised up out of Galilee. (**John 7:52**)
- After Jesus death, **Nicodemus** came along with Joseph of Arimathea, that fearful disciple, bringing a heavy roll of myrrh and

aloes, 100 Roman pounds (33 kilograms)(72 pounds), a costly offering, with which to prepare Jesus body for burial.

- **Now after these things Joseph from Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus but a secret one out of his fear of the Jews, requested Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. Therefore he came and took his body away. (John 19:38)**
- **Nicodemus** also, the man that came to him in the night the first time, came bringing a roll of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds of it. (John 19:39)
- **So they took the body of Jesus and bound it up with bandages with the spices, just the way the Jews have the custom of preparing for burial. (John 19:40)**
- **There is no Scriptural evidence for or against the traditions that say **Nicodemus** later became a disciple, was cast out of the Sanhedrin and Jerusalem, died a martyr's death, and so forth.**