

WHAT is the MOST POPULAR,
most MEMORIZED & most QUOTED
SCRIPTURE VERSE in the BIBLE
in the entire world ?

“For God so loved *the world*, that
He gave His only Son, that
whoever believes in Him should
not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

Have you ever *ASK/Wonder* :
WHY JESUS SAID IT ? WHEN ?
TO WHOM WAS HE SPEAKING TO ?



The Story of
NICODEMUS

a.k.a.

“the man who came to Jesus by night...”

Gospel of **John**
Chapter 3



**FROM
UNDERCOVER
TO DISCOVER**

... what good can come out of quarantine/lockdown...

Encountering Jesus series

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 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."

John 3:1-4 ESV

3 *Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

4 *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 3:3-4 ESV



WHO IS NICODEMUS?

- *A man*
- *A Pharisee*
- *A Ruler*
- *A Religious leader*

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE
STORY OF NICODEMUS?

3 thoughts



#1.

NICODEMUS WAS
CURIOUS!

2 *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.”*

John 3:2 ESV

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John 3:3-4 ESV



#2.

NICODEMUS WAS
CURIOUS TO
CONTEND!

Jesus answered, *“Truly, truly, 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 its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

John 3:5-8 ESV

⁹“Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”

John 3:9-10 ESV

Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

John 3:11-14
ESV

¹¹³*No one has ascended into heaven
except he who descended from
heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as
Moses lifted up the serpent in the
wilderness, so must the Son of Man
be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in
him may have eternal life.*

John 3:13-14
ESV

“For God so loved *the world*, that
He gave His only Son, that
whoever believes in Him should
not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

For God did not send his Son
*into the world to condemn the
world, but in order that the world
might be saved through him.*

John 3:17 ESV



WHAT happened to
NICODEMUS after
that ?

⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, ⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?”

John 7:50-51
NKJV

³⁸ *Afterward Joseph of
Arimathea, who had been a secret
disciple of Jesus (because he feared
the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate
for permission to take down Jesus'
body. When Pilate gave permission,
Joseph came and took the body
away.*

John 19:38-42
NLT

³⁹ With him came Nicodemus,
the man who had come to
Jesus at night. He *brought about*
seventy-five pounds of perfumed
ointment made from myrrh and
aloes. ⁴⁰ *Following Jewish burial*
*custom, **they** wrapped Jesus' body*
with the spices in long sheets of
linen cloth.

John 19:39-42
NLT

The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:41-42
NLT



#3.

NICODEMUS WAS
COURAGEOUS!



NICODEMUS WAS

- **CURIOUS!**
- **CONTEND!**
- **COURAGEOUS!**

Reflection :

*Which part of the message speaks
to you the most ?
Curiosity? Confused? Courageous?
Why?*

*How would you want to
Encounter Jesus from now
onwards ?*