

A Clandestine Encounter – Jesus and Nicodemus

Text: John 3:1-21
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Introduction

A. Jesus took Nicodemus where he was in his spiritual journey.

1. He was a unique seeker (John 3:1-2)
2. He was a seeker facing multiple struggles.
 - a. He was confused (John 3: 3-9)
 - b. He was afraid (John 3:2; 9:22)
 - c. He struggled on following Jesus all the way (John 7:45-51)

B. Jesus took Nicodemus to where He wanted him to be.

1. From a biological birth to a new birth (John 3:3,14-15; Numbers 21: 8-9; John 3:16)
2. From temporal life to eternal life (John 3:16)
3. From a condemned life to a life of freedom (John 3:17-18)
4. From a life lived in darkness to a life lived in the light (John 3: 19-21)
5. From a life of struggles to a life of victory (John 19:38-42)

Conclusion

TABLE TALK

1. Did you happen to watch a James Bond movie? Why are James Bond movies still drawing big crowds until today?
2. What parallelism do you notice between James Bond 007 and Nicodemus in John 3:1-9?
3. Based on last Sunday's message, why are there secret followers of Jesus (the Nicodemuses of then and now)?
4. What are the descriptions of a person who had a genuine born-again experience in John 3:16-21, John 19:38-42? Please refer to your sermon outline B1-5. Which of these descriptions have you personally experienced?
5. Nicodemus had his struggles in following Jesus. What are yours?
6. How did the spiritual journey of Nicodemus start and end? John 3:2-3; John 19:38-42