

A Good Man Who's In The Dark

Meeting Jesus #6 of 13
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"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 have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.**" ³ Jesus answered and said to 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? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "**The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"
John 3:1-8 (NASB)

Q: Why is Nicodemus coming to see Jesus?

Nicodemus knows he has a problem. He knows Jesus is from God, but Jesus is challenging the way he worships God.

Q: Why does Jesus blurt out, "...unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ?

Nicodemus was in the dark because he didn't understand:

1. ...what the Kingdom of God is.
2. ...who will get to enter it.

How would you answer these questions?

1. What is the Kingdom of God?

2. Who gets to enter the Kingdom of God?

How did Jesus answer these questions?

1. What is the Kingdom of God?

It's where people on earth do God's will just like they do in Heaven. (Matt 6:10)

2. Who gets to enter the Kingdom of God?

Only those who are born again, of the water and the Spirit, will enter His Kingdom. (John 3:5)

Q: Why does Jesus compare people who are born of the Spirit to the wind?

You can't see the wind, but you can see the effects of the wind. You can't see the Spirit in a Christian, but you can see the effects of the Spirit in a Christian's life.

Q: What are the effects of being born of the Spirit?

1. You bear 'spiritual fruit'. (Gal 6:19-24)
2. You become an ambassador for Christ. (2Cor 5:17-20)

Are you in the dark?

If so, what do you need to do to not be in the dark anymore?