

The Life of Christ

This week – Jesus and Nicodemus (jumping ahead a little, as discussed last week)

Next week – Gathers Disciples, pick up from there...

Sequence of Events:

1. Temptation of Christ
2. Gathers Disciples (skipped)
3. First Miracle
4. Establishment in Capernaum (skipped)
5. First Passover – tossing tables (skipped)
6. Jesus and Nicodemus

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-2 Jesus (Rabbi, from God), Nicodemus (see handout), plural verb – representing a group – does not verbalize a question...

Nicodemus was looking for spiritual things from God

Looking for **Messiah** (Matthew 11:2-6) Isaiah 35:5-6, 61:1

Looking for **'that' prophet** Deuteronomy 18:18-19

Looking for **the new covenant** Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 3:3 **Jesus** – You must be born again

Focus change from Jesus to Nicodemus, individually, not as representative

(Because the spiritual kingdom is personal, always personal)

Nicodemus could have related spiritual birth to Ezekiel 36:26-27

(difference from Jeremiah passage is Spirit, not just knowledge)

John 3:4-6 **Nicodemus** – I don't understand

Jesus John 3:7-8 You can't understand

Nicodemus (thinks of Proverbs 30:4) Jesus is claiming deity, vs 9

Jesus John 3:10-13 Jesus is claiming deity and messiahship (Daniel 7:13-14)

Numbers 21:1-9 (Story of the fiery serpents)

John 3:14-16

As Israelites had to look to the serpents,

Nicodemus must TRUST Jesus

Nicodemus knows about righteousness by faith

Abraham Genesis 15:1-6, he knew about Noah, Joshua & Caleb, David

...but Jesus made it personal! (History tells us he put his faith in Jesus Christ)

John 3:17-21 **Jesus** – Came to save, not to judge (this time!)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting live.

– John 3:16, KJV