



## *Faces of Easter: Nicodemus*

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### **WARM UP**

1. What is your favorite summer beverage and why?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

### **DIG IN**

3. Read John 2:23-25. What does Jesus "know" about every human that makes him unwilling to fully entrust himself to them? What specifically is it about humans that needs to be fixed?
4. Read John 3:1-2. What did Nicodemus and the other Pharisees know about Jesus? Why did they seek to destroy him instead of honor him?
5. In John 3:3-12, Jesus exposes Nicodemus' "human thinking" by sharing God's view. Why was this religious leader so confused about what Jesus was saying?
6. Just before he declares the words of John 3:16, Jesus talks about Moses' lifting a serpent up on a pole as a way of foreshadowing his own death on the cross. What is Jesus saying here?

### **DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)**

7. What is the significance of Nicodemus' coming by night and in secret? Do you think that Nicodemus cared too much about his reputation to become a disciple?
8. Would you consider yourself to be "born again"? What does that phrase mean to you?
9. Nicodemus gave Jesus a "king's burial" in John 19:38-42. With this in mind, do you think he went on to live as a Christian, or did he remain a member of the Sanhedrin as it opposed and persecuted the followers of Jesus?



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John 2:23-25

Jesus knew what was in each \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus: We \_\_\_\_\_.

God-thinking vs. Human-thinking...

Numbers 21: The sick were to look at the bronze \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_.

Look to \_\_\_\_\_ and live.

God \_\_\_\_\_ with love.

John 3:16

Earth-\_\_\_\_\_ words.

God's Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.