

The Story Of Grace

(9) ReBorn By Grace

John 3:1

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council."

(vs.2)

"He came to Jesus at night ..."

"... Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

(vs.3)

"In reply Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.'"

(vs.4)

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

(vs.5-6)

"Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.'"

(vs.7-8)

"You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

(vs.9)

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked."

(vs.10)

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

(vs.11)

"I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony."

(vs.12)

"I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"

(vs.13)

"No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man."

(vs.14-15)

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Isaiah 53:3-4

"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide(I) their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we

considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.”

(vs.5)

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

(vs.6)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

(vs.10)

“Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.”

John 19:38-40

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

John 3:14-15

“... the son of man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.”