

JESUS THE MASTER TEACHER #4 - HE TEACHES ON THE NEW BIRTH

JOHN 3:1-8

- I. HE INTERVIEWS NICODEMUS (vs. 1-2)
 - A. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night
 - 1. A religious man: Gave God glory - vs. 2
 - 2. A ruling man: Sanhedrin JOHN 7:50-51
 - 3. A read man: Educated - vs. 10 "knowest not")
 - 4. A remote man: Apart/removed from God)
 - B. He recognized Jesus as a godly TEACHER come from God
- II. HE IMPRESSES NICODEMUS (vs. 3)
 - A. Jesus surprised Nicodemus - He went to the HEART
 - B. The lost person is SPIRITUALLY BLIND w/o the New Birth
- III. HE INSTRUCTS NICODEMUS (vs. 4-9)
 - A. Nicodemus is puzzled
 - B. Jesus answers his question
 - 1. To be born of WATER is physical birth - flesh
 - 2. To be born of SPIRIT is spiritual birth
 - C. A LOST person is dead in trespasses and sin EPH. 2:1
 - D. A SAVED person is born AGAIN from above and made alive
 - E. Jesus explains the work of the Spirit in the New Birth
 - 1. He compares the Holy Spirit with WIND
 - 2. We call this Pneumatology (air/wind + study)
- IV. HE ILLUMINATES NICODEMUS (vs. 10-17)
 - A. He uses the picture of the brazen serpent NUM. 21:4-9
 - 1. If anyone BELIEVED God, they would be healed
 - 2. The serpent had no power itself 2 KINGS 18:1-4
 - B. Jesus fulfills the TYPE (vs. 16-17)
 - 1. There is a picture of my wife in my wallet
 - 2. A type is NOT the "thing" but a likeness of it
- V. HE INFORMS NICODEMUS (vs. 18-20)
 - A. The unsaved are ALREADY under condemnation (Judgment)
 - B. Nicodemus was:
 - 1. Religious but condemned - no good works can Save
 - 2. Ruling but condemned - could not order Salvation
 - 3. Read but condemned - education cannot Save
 - C. But was he READY to come nigh to God? JOHN 19:38-40