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Reading: John 3:1-13,4:1-9,4:25-26,4:28-30,4:39-42

Two people who had a personal interview with the Lord Jesus. They were from different backgrounds but had the same need. The Lord dealt with them in different ways and brought the message they needed. Two lives were changed radically due to their encounter with the Lord Jesus. No one else is present, it is Nicodemus and the Lord Jesus and then the woman and Christ.

The matter of salvation is a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. We must meet Him, get to know Him and trust Him for salvation.

The Lord Jesus puts His finger on the heart of the issue and asks a question and has them flummoxed.

When the message speaks to your circumstances it is no coincidence but evidence of the operation of the Spirit of God.

John 2:24-25 – The Lord Jesus has intimate knowledge of every individual on the planet. “[He told me all things](#)” (John 4:29).

A comfort but yet challenging. He knows everything about us but still loves us. He knows all our short comings and still offers forgiveness.

He has paid the price to make it possible that we who are sinners can be brought back to God.

Nicodemus was a man of the Pharisees, a religious man.

The Pharisees were those who claimed to acknowledge all of the Old Testament scriptures and did their best to keep God's law.

As a group, the Pharisees were proud, they trusted in themselves that they were righteous. They tried to live good and upright and morally decent lives.

Nicodemus had to learn that anything he had done was going to be stripped away. His position in society meant nothing as far as salvation was concerned.

Nicodemus appeared to be a rich man (Jo 19:39). riches could not buy him favour with God.

As far as world was concerned he had everything going for him.

He came by night to see the Lord Jesus.

Nicodemus came respectfully to Jesus acknowledging He had come from God. In part he had a right appreciation of the Lord Jesus.

His appreciation fell short of the Lord Jesus really is, “[In the beginning...](#)”(John 1:1), “[Word became flesh...](#)”(John 1:14). “[God manifest in flesh](#)”(1 Tim. 3:16).

The signs He did proved He was the Son of God moving here on earth. He demonstrated knowledge only God had. He is absolutely sinless and holy.

Why did He come? The Lord Jesus doesn't deal with our deeds but the motivation, He deals with the heart. The teaching of the Lord Jesus condemns, the Lord Jesus was more than a teacher
“Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world”(John 1:29).

The sin would separate us from God and put us at enmity with God.

For whatever reason Nicodemus said what he said when the Lord Jesus replied (v3) He took away everything Nicodemus held on to.

Unless he was born from above he would not even see the kingdom.

If you have confidence in self think again.

The kingdom of God is not about who we are but who the Lord Jesus is and what He has done.

John 14:6

Nicodemus had his eyes on physical and natural.

If you want salvation it has to come from God. If it doesn't come from above it is of no avail and useless.

“Born of water” - need for cleansing.

Ezek 36:25 – Nicodemus should have known of the need for cleansing.

Cleansing tonight is available from God because of the Lord Jesus did at the cross.

“washing of regeneration” - (Titus 3:5) starting over again.

Cleansing must and can only come from God.

“Born of Spirit” - imparting of spiritual life.

Because of our sin we are dead. We are separated from Christ.

2 Cor 5:17

How do we get spiritual life?

“Whosoever believeth in Him hath everlasting life” (John 3:16)

John wrote “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. ” (John 20:31).

Salvation comes by taking refuge in the one who has taken the storm.

The only safe place is in Christ.

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Cor 2:9)

What awaits those who trust is beyond our understanding. We get it by accepting the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“We speak that know...”

If want to be in heaven need to take Christ at His word.

Need to accept what God says about us and need to accept what God says about Christ.

“exalted far above all” - only Saviour of sinners.

Need to accept what God says about salvation through repentance and faith in Christ.

“Way seems right...the end are the ways of death” (Prov. 14:12)

Woman in John 4 other end of social scale.

In those days women were treated as goods.

She was an outcast, she had a name in the town as an immoral woman.

She found the Lord Jesus wouldn't cast her out “I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matt. 9:13)

She was amazed that the Lord Jesus would speak to her.

The Lord Jesus offers total satisfaction and eternal life that can only be found in Him. He gave Himself that we might have life (1 Tim 2:6)

Complete satisfaction, peace and rest is found alone in Christ.

Have you found the Lord Jesus as Saviour? Is He your Saviour?

Maybe not like either but wherever you are you need Christ and need Him now.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved”(Acts 16:31).