

Nicodemus the Night Visitor

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A man named Nicodemus wanted to talk to Jesus. He was a part of the Pharisee religious group. (Some Pharisees were kind and they loved God, but some were phonies.)



Nicodemus came to visit Jesus in the nighttime. “Psssss! Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher from God. Nobody can do these miracles unless God is with him,” said Nicodemus.



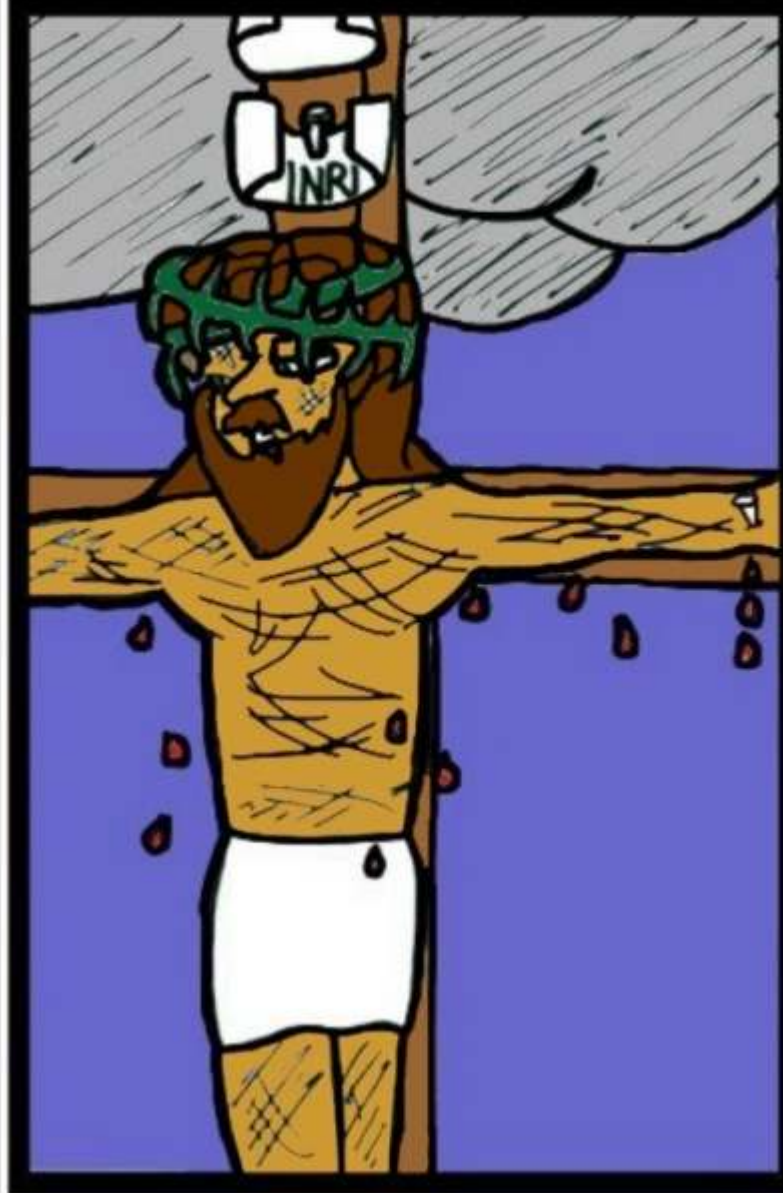
Jesus answered, “Unless a person becomes born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” “Born again?” gasped Nicodemus. “How can a man be born again when he is old? Can a person go back inside his mother?”



Jesus answered, “A person must be born from water and from the spirit. You can hear the wind, but you can’t see it. You don’t know where it came from or where it is going. This is the way it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



“I don’t understand,” said Nicodemus. “Are you a teacher and you don’t understand?” asked Jesus. “This is stuff about earth. What if I started telling you stuff about heaven?”



“Moses put a snake high on a stick in the wilderness. I will be lifted up too. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in Him should not be lost but have eternal life.”



“People who believe come to the light, but people who love to do bad things don’t come to the light. They don’t want everyone to see what they do.”



Lord, I want to see the kingdom of God. Jesus I believe in you. Come into my heart and make me new.