
"How Can These Things Be? - John 3:1-13

In a dark world, there is much confusion about the way of salvation and its effects. Keeping in line with the themes of light and dark, here we see Nicodemus come at night to Jesus, the Light of the World. The darkness of his understanding by the light of the truth that Jesus communicates to him about salvation.

Exploring the Scene (vv. 1-2)

Who was Nicodemus?

Why did he come at night?

1) We All Must Be _____ (vv. 3-7)

“born again” –

“born of water & spirit” –

Baptism in Jewish Eyes –

Application – All Must Be Saved (ALL, not some)

See Rom 3:9-11; Jn 14:6; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:23; 6:23

Significance of physical birth as an illustration...

Application – There Is Great Need of the Gospel

See 2 Cor 5:20 *Who's Your One?*

2) The Effects of the Spirit Are _____ (v. 8)

See Titus 3:5; Gal 5:22-23

The fingerprints of the Spirit's work should be seen on our lives: 1) either as we come to faith in Christ for salvation or 2) due to being submitted to the Spirit's constant work on our lives
(See Ezek 36:2; 2 Cor 5:17)

Thoughts on Spiritual Progress...

3) God Is the _____ of Truth (vv. 9-13)

See Ps 19; Rom 1

The Need for Discipleship (see 2022 State of Theology report)

What does this mean for the church today?

The Call to Believe

What is God calling you to believe?

What is your response to this text today?