

Sermon Notes
April 19, 2015
Nicodemus: Born Again?
John 3:1-10; 7:32, 45-52; 19:38-42
Romans 8:9-17

1. Nicodemus: Insider?

- i. What's your church heritage?
- ii. What are your church "credentials"?
- iii. Do you think of yourself as Insider? Outsider?
Mix? Why? Why not?

2. Nicodemus: Questions? (500+ in the Gospels!)

- i. Any spiritual questions bothering you?
- ii. Any questions not quite sure how to ask?
-- Like Nicodemus: start somewhere!

3. Nicodemus: Jesus?

- i. Good teacher? OR Sovereign King?
- ii. Person of Interest? OR Controlling Interest?

4. Born Again?

- i. Identifiable conversion experience in your life?
- ii. No identifiable experience?
- iii. Slow but sure renewal?
- iv. Jesus always been a part of your life? . . .

5. Comparing 2nd Birth and 1st Birth

- i. How important is remembering birth?
- ii. How important is the consequence of birth?
- iii. How important/transformational is the community,
family, heritage, etc. you are "born into"?
- iv. What parallels might there be with "2nd birth" and
Adoption (or think too of Immigration)?

6. So What Must I do?

- i. If you know that God truly as Father and (Abba,
Romans 9), Jesus truly as King, and Church truly
as family . . . you have been born again!
- ii. If you do not know this with certainty, then
 - a. Like Nicodemus find someone to talk with!
 - b. Like Nicodemus, allow (and ask) God to lead
you by his Spirit to a time and place where
Jesus is not just a person of interest, but has a
controlling interest in your life as Lord and
Savior.