

Gospel Story: Jesus Teaches at Night

Many people came to Jesus to listen to his stories. Sometimes they asked Jesus questions. Sometimes Jesus asked them questions. Jesus loved to talk with all the people.

Most people came by day, but a man named Nicodemus was afraid of what others would think. So he came to Jesus at night. "Don't be afraid, Nicodemus," said Jesus. "I will teach you."

Nicodemus asked, "I know God has sent you to us. But what does God want us to do?"

"God wants all people to be born again," said Jesus. "God will give them the Holy Spirit and they will live brand-new lives."

"What?" said Nicodemus. "That sounds crazy! How could we ever do that?"

"Listen," said Jesus, "All people are born from human parents; but you have to be born spiritually through the Spirit of God. And you won't be able to see the kingdom of heaven until you do."

Jesus continued, "God loved this world — God loved you, Nicodemus — so much that God sent me to this world to tell everyone about that great love. All you have to do is believe and accept God's love, and your spirit will live forever!"

Then Jesus and his new friend talked long into the night about God's love and plan for Nicodemus' life.

