

Close Encounters

Nicodemus: Nick @ Night

John 3:1-10, 16

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I. Nick at *night*

~ *Nicodemus* means “*suprior*”

A. He was from a chosen *race*

B. He was a ruler of the *Jews*

C. He was *religious*

D. He was a respectful *admirer* of Jesus

II. An example of being “*born again*”

~ Literally means “*born from above*”

A. An earthly *illustartion* of a spiritual *truth*

1. A divine act *controlled* by *God*

B. What does it *mean* to be born again?

1. A sign of *conception*

◆ *Water* and *Spirit*

a. Water symbolizes the *Word* of *God*

Isaiah 55:10-11, Titus 3:4-6, I Peter 2:23

b. Spirit is the *Work* of the *Holy Spirit*

Luke 1:26-35

❖ Being born again requires the *Word* of God,

the *Work* of the Holy Spirit and

the surrendered *Will* of man

2. A sign of *conveying life* ~ John 10:10

a. A newborn shares God’s *nature*:

“*participants in the divine nature*”

2 Peter 1:3-4, Romans 8:15

b. A newborn has no *past*

Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:19

c. A newborn is *complete* but *immature*

I Corinthians 6:9-11

3. A sign of *confidence*

Romans 8:15-17