

AUTHENTIC FAITH

"Jesus wants to get at the authentic heart of people."

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John 2:23-25

²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing.

²⁴ But Jesus on His part did not entrust himself to them, because He knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man for He himself knew what was in man.

POINT #1 Nicodemus Comes at Night.**John 3:1-2**

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

POINT #2 Nicodemus doesn't understand the Invitation from Jesus .**John 3:3-4**

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

POINT #3 Jesus is the means for a New Birth.**John 3:3**

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

"The new birth brings with it, and is expressed in genuine faith"

-JOHN MACARTHUR

John 6:63-65 *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) 65 And He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father."*

Not to understate it — but BELIEVING is where it all begins.

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

John 14:1-3 *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. Amen.