

IN JUDEA: MIRACLES AND TALK WITH NICODEMUS

John 2:12 - 3:36

Although Jesus had begun to show Himself as the Messiah in a private way at Bethany beyond the Jordan, and in a semi-private way at Cana of Galilee, the truly public part of His ministry began later. Read about this below:

A. Opening Events of Jesus' Public Ministry: Read John 2:12-25

1. After His first miracle in Cana, where did Jesus, His family and His disciples visit for a short time? John 2:12 _____
2. Where did Jesus and His disciples go after this? John 2:13b

3. What important event in the history of Israel was about to be celebrated with a feast there? John 2:13a; Exodus 12:12, 13

4. What condition did Jesus find upon His arrival there that distressed Him? John 2:14

5. What did He do to remedy this situation? John 2:15, 16

6. What else did Jesus do during this visit to Jerusalem? John 2:23c

7. What happened as a result of this? John 2:23b

B. Opening Conversation of Jesus' Public Ministry: Read John 3:1, 2

1. Who came to visit Jesus shortly after this? John 3:1

2. What was his religion, and his position among the Jews? John 3:1

3. What had he seen (or heard about) that caused him to come to see Jesus? John 3:2b

4. What did he already believe about Jesus when he came? John 3:2a

C. Jesus' Message About Earthly Things: Read John 3:3-13

1. In spite of Nicodemus' religion, position, and belief about Jesus, what did Jesus say he needed? John 3:3 _____
2. What would be true of him if he did not do this? John 3:3c

3. Did Nicodemus understand what Jesus was talking about? John 3:4

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4. To what did Jesus compare the new birth? John 3:8

5. Did Nicodemus understand this illustration? John 3:9, 12

6. What could have been one reason for this? 1 Corinthians 2:14

D. Jesus' Message About Heavenly Things: Read John 3:14-21, 36

1. What did Jesus say must happen to Him? John 3:14b (See Numbers 21:4-9)

2. What would this make possible for those who believe? John 3:15-17

3. What is true of those who do not believe? John 3:18

4. Who is the "light" that came into the world? John 3:19; 1:4, 9; 8:12

5. Why do some not come to Him? John 3:19b

6. Into what two groups does God divide all the world? John 3:36

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Nicodemus' position, religion, and belief about Jesus save Him?

2. What is my condition in God's sight? Do I need to be born again?
