

The Rolling Roads Reminder

March 2023

Looking Over Jordan

ONE CHARACTER IN THE BIBLE THAT EVERYONE LIKES IS NICODEMUS.

We recall the amazing conversation Nicodemus the Pharisee had with Jesus in John 3, and for many it seems like a conversation we could have had. Jesus seems to be speaking directly to us, to all people! He's teaching a good and religious man who probably knew his Bible, which would have been the Old Testament, very, very well. He was a Pharisee, which means he was one of the prominent religious leaders of the day. Nicodemus would have "been to all the meetings." But it must have been true that something was bothering him. No doubt he knew about the messiah, that the Savior would come. And now there was Jesus, preaching and teaching and working miracles that would convince anyone of the truth which He spoke. Normally a Pharisee would ignore an independent preacher with Jesus' social status. Jesus was "uneducated" from way up north, far away from the "religious headquarters" of Jerusalem. I think it must have been the miracles, and the power in Jesus' words. Nicodemus must have noticed how the people responded to Jesus with faith. Had they responded to the Pharisees

with faith? You and I might look askance at the Pharisees, but in Jesus' day they were looked at as religious heroes almost, as they held back the accommodation of the Sadducees to the Roman influence. They did stick up for the Jewish religion and the Jewish people in an establishment sort of way, and a lot of regular people appreciated that. I've even heard that Jesus had more doctrine in common with the Pharisees than with any other Jewish group. So the problem for Nicodemus was this — who exactly was Jesus? And — could He be the Messiah, the chosen One? Could Jesus be the Son of God? That's why Nicodemus comes up in a kind of friendly way, saying, "Sir, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you." (John 3:2 CEV) He is showing Jesus that he's realizing the truth, and that he wants to be friends. But Jesus, as we know, wants to be his Savior...

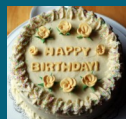
Happy because of Jesus,

Pastor James



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financial report

December
Income: \$7,664
Expenses: \$8,450



Growing Towards Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5-12 - Week of Prayer

March 12 - Daylight Savings
Time—spring forward!

March 26 - Vesper Service at
the Carillon 4PM

Each Wednesday - Pastor James'
Bible study Podcast

STAY FIRM

Stay firm —

**He has not failed thee,
And will He go and leave thee
To sink at last?
Nay, He said He will hide thee
Beneath His wing;
And sweetly there in safety
Thou mayest sing.
“The Lord is Thy Keeper.”
Psalm 121:5**

From Explore the Bible: Bible Skill: Connect Old Testament prophecy to New Testament fulfillment

Study the following passages and relate
each to an aspect of fulfillment in Jesus'

life: Genesis 3:15; 12:3;

Deuteronomy 18:15;

Numbers 24:17;

Micah 5:2;

Isaiah 7:14; 9:7; 53:3

and

Jeremiah 31:15.

What aspects of Jesus are identified that
prove He is the Christ, the Son of God?

How do these verses make
a case that Jesus is the Messiah?



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