

THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus' Bio:

- Pharisee
- The Judaism of the first century preached a _____ message.
- Possible Hellenist
- Prominent & powerful scholar

"Rabbi" means *"My great one, my honorable sir."*

Israel wanted a Messiah that would deliver it from the political domination of Rome and not from _____.

At this point in Jesus' ministry, the Sanhedrin agrees that:

- Jesus was a teacher who came _____.
- Jesus performed so many miracles that there could be no imposition or deception practiced.
- The primary purpose of these miracles was to prove that the person who performed them spoke or wrote from God. Therefore, Jesus spoke from God.

Nicodemus is, in part, meeting with Jesus because he suspects that Jesus may in fact be _____.

If Jesus is God, then...

- My reign _____ and He must be the King of my life.
- His will must supersede mine.
- He is the _____ – not my own judgment.

In verse 5, the first "water" references Isaiah 44:3...

"For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground: I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring..."

And Isaiah 55:1... *"...Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters... "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Genesis 2:7

2 types of life – physical and spiritual.

As people, we love works-based religion because it breaks down righteousness into a formula and a checklist that _____

The Kingdom of God is not acquired through _____
It is acquired by welcoming the Holy Spirit into one's heart and allowing Christ's throne to be established.

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"
Matthew 7:21-23

Verse 13:

- At that moment, no one had yet ascended into Heaven.
- Jesus points to His omnipresence.

Verse 14 gives 2 parallels:

- Just as the Israelites in the wilderness, Nicodemus is _____.
- Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to provide healing for the Israelites, Jesus must be lifted up on the Cross - to provide healing for all from sin.

What happened to Nicodemus after this encounter with Jesus?

- John 7:45-52
- John 19:39

All signs point to Nicodemus being _____.

"...even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

John 3:14

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."

John 12:32