

## *“Encounters with Jesus”*

### **“Who Are You, Jesus?”**

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#### **John 3:1-21** (*New American Standard*)

**1** Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; **2** this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered and said to 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? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" **5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **8** "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things? **11** "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness. **12** "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** "And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man. **14** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; **15** that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. **16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. **17** "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. **18** "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. **20** "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** "But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

**Like Nicodemus, people continue seeking to understand the person named Jesus. In today's passage, John recounts four key truths concerning His identity:**

- I.** He cannot be fully known through \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (*vv. 1-13*)
  
- II.** He is God's \_\_\_\_\_, the ultimate expression of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (*v. 16*)
  
- III.** As such, He is the means to \_\_\_\_\_. (*v. 14-17*)
  
- IV.** In \_\_\_\_\_ Him mankind passes \_\_\_\_\_ on itself. (*vv. 18-21*)