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Announcements

- **Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?**. Everyone is invited.
- **Bible Study, Sunday 6:00 PM:** Go deeper into the profound truths of the identity of Jesus Christ as described by John.
- **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Come pray with us for our church, and our community.
- **KBC Annual Meeting:** Tuesday November 14, 2023 at FBC Somerset, Ky. Pastor's conference November 13. See kybaptist.org for more information. Register at ky.sbcworkspace.com.

The Rabbi, John 3:1-21

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The Pharisee

- Nicodemus, John 3:1-15, 7:45-52, 19:38-42.

The Rabbi

- New Nave's Topical Bible (Rabbi): The title of a teacher, Matt. 23:7, 8; John 3:2. Ostentatiously used by the Pharisees, Matt. 23:7. Used in addressing John, John 3:26; in addressing Jesus, Matt. 26:25, 49; Mark 9:5; 11:21; 14:45; John 1:38, 49; 3:2; 4:31; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8. Jesus called Rabboni, Mark 10:51; John 20:16. Forbidden by Jesus as a title to his disciples, Matt. 23:8.

- "Rabbi" or the emphatic form, "Rabboni" was a title of respect meaning literally "great one" but by the time of the writing of John's Gospel had more of an emphasis of "teacher."

The Rabbi's Teaching

- The Kingdom of God, John 3:3, 5.
- Eternal life, John 3:15-16, 36.
- You must be born again (from above), John 3:3.
- By faith (believing), John 3:12, 15, 16, 18, 36.
- In Jesus Christ, John 3:14-18.
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- "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd either be a lunatic—on the level with a man who says he's a poached egg—or else he'd be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse" (C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity [New York: The Macmillan Co., 1952], pp. 40–41).

Encouragements

- Be teachable: Continue to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ.
- Believe: Let go of your own understandings and trust Jesus Christ.
- Be born again: Follow the King into the Kingdom.

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