

ONE MUST BE  
BORN FROM ABOVE

(Part I)

*John 3:1-8*

I. Who was Nicodemus?

*Pharisee* - Separatist (from *phârash*, to distinguish), one of a sect who separated themselves from other Jews as affecting superior holiness

*Matthew 5:20*

*Matthew 23:23*

*Archōn Ioudaios* – Ruler of the Jews; a member of the highest legal, legislative, and judicial body among the Jews; a member of the Council (Sanhedrin)

*John 3:10*

*John 7:45-52*

*John 19:38-42*

II. What Nicodemus Thought About Jesus

*Rhâbbi* - a Jewish teacher and scholar recognized for expertise in interpreting the Jewish Scriptures; rabbi, teacher

*John 1:38*

III. What Jesus Knew About Nicodemus

*John 2:23-25*

*Matthew 19:16*

IV. Born From Above

*amēn amēn* – truly truly; most assuredly; I tell you the truth

*gennāō* – to beget, to bear, to birth, to procreate

*anagennáō* – to be born again (1 Peter 1:3, 23)

*ánōthen* - from above, implying from heaven

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Galatians 6:15*

*John 1:12-13*

*1 John 2:29*

*1 John 4:7*

*1 John 5:1, 4*

## V. Nicodemus' Retort

*Mark 10:24*

*Philippians 3:8-9*

**Closing Thought:** No amount of religion, good works, Scripture memorization, or any other efforts one can make will have them to see the kingdom of God. One must be born from above, born of God, to see the kingdom of God.