

Jesus, Nicodemus, and The Samaritan Woman

(John 3-4)

I. A Stark Study In Contrast

○ Nicodemus

- ☞ He was a man. (3:1)
- ☞ He was a Pharisee. (3:1)
- ☞ His name was Nicodemus. (3:1)

○ The Samaritan Woman

- ☞ She was a woman. (4:9,27)
- ☞ She was a rank sinner. (4:16-17)
- ☞ We don't know her name.

○ Nicodemus

- ☞ He was a member of the Sanhedrin. (3:1; 7:50; 19:39-42)
- ☞ He was a Jew. (3:10)
- ☞ He came to Jesus. (3:2)
- ☞ He had great interest in talking to Jesus.

○ The Samaritan Woman

- ☞ She was a woman of no worldly distinction.
- ☞ She was a Samaritan. (4:7,9)
- ☞ She did not come to Jesus. (4:6)
- ☞ She had no apparent interest.

○ Nicodemus

- ☞ Jesus taught Nicodemus the necessity of the new birth. (3:3-5)
- ☞ The reaction of Nicodemus: How?
 - ☞ He struggles with the concept.
 - ☞ Is not perceptive...
 - ☞ Cf. 7:50; 19:39

○ The Samaritan Woman

- ☞ Jesus taught the woman about living water. (4:10-14)
- ☞ The response of the Samaritan woman: Give me this water. (Jn. 4:15)
 - ☞ A prophet. (4:19)
 - ☞ I know the Messiah comes. (4:25)
 - ☞ Is this not the Christ? (4:26,29,39)