

The Light of the World

In the middle of the night, a man named Nicodemus came to see Jesus. It was a strange time to visit someone, but Nicodemus had many questions about God and he didn't want to wait. There was a lot of talk about Jesus. Many people didn't believe Jesus, and Nicodemus wasn't sure what he thought about it all. He also wasn't sure he wanted anyone to see him. He knew that Jesus was talking about God in a whole new way and some people didn't like it.

That night, Jesus and Nicodemus talked for quite a while. They argued and wondered together about many things. And then Jesus said,

“Really, all you need to know is this, God loves you! In fact, God loves everyone. And it's important that you know this and tell everyone you meet.”



“God wants everyone to know how much they are loved! Nicodemus, God loves this world and everyone in it so much that God sent me, his Son, so that everyone would learn how much they are loved. God sent me to save the world, Nicodemus!”

“I am the light of the world! I am all that is good and right, and God sent me to light up this world. Unfortunately, people sometimes like darkness better than light. When we do terrible things, the light is not in us. When we are mean, hateful, and horrible, the world is a dark, dark place. But when we do things that are good and right—when we love each other and help one another—God’s light shines brightly in the world and God is glad.”

★ Nicodemus had lots of questions for Jesus. Some of them were about God. What questions do you have about God?

