

John 3

## The Lord Knows Man

- The Lord knows the heart of man
- The Lord knows what motivates man
- I Samuel 16:7, "7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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- John introduces Nicodemus
  - A Pharisee
  - A ruler of the Jews
- Nicodemus calls Jesus Rabbi
  - Acknowledges, we know you are a teacher come from God.
  - He believed but was he ready to fully commit?
  - Matthew 19:16-22

<sup>16</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Galatians 5:16-18)



## The Lord Loves Man

- Verse 14 Jesus makes reference to a story from Numbers 21 that Nicodemus would have known.
- WHOEVER believes will not perish but have everlasting life.
- "<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

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 It's about believing that will lead to transformation and a life of obedience!

