Tuesday Bible Study: John Ch. 3

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- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Intro: Representativeness of Nicodemus
  - a. John 3:1-12

Those who "saw" the signs but whom Jesus would not entrust himself to them (2:24) Those who came to Jesus but didn't understand what Jesus revealed, birth from above Those who stayed in the night/darkness (3:19-21, 13:30)

b. John 7:45-52

Those who had conflicts with the Jews / Jewish authorities Those who had faith in Jesus and fear of the authorities (12:42)

c. John 19:38-42

Those who believed in Jesus but didn't confess their faith in public Those who didn't fully understand Jesus (19:40)

- 3. Let Us Read John Ch. 3
- 4. Discussion
  - a. What is the difference between the signs in synoptic gospels and in John?
  - b. Can you understand Nicodemus in connection with John 2:23-24?
  - c. What does it imply that Nicodemus came to meet Jesus at night?
  - d. Why do you think Nicodemus begin to say, "we," instead of "I"?
  - e. In Gospel John, "the Kingdom of God" is mentioned only twice. Then, why?
  - f. Verse 3 uses the verb, "see." How does this Gospel use this verb? (1:47, 2:23, 14:8)
  - g. Why do you think Nicodemus didn't understand "born from above"? (2 Sam. 7:14 and Psalm 2:7)

- h. How do you understand born of water and Spirit?
- i. What would be earthly things and heavenly things? (V. 12)
- j. What's the implication of verse 18?
- k. Can you imagine the argument in verse 25?
- 1. What can we learn from John the Baptist in this chapter?

## 5. Closing Prayer