

**Conversations in the dark**  
**For the week of January 20 – 26**

**Prayer: That we see the miraculous signs of Jesus**

**Day 1: John 3:1 – 21**

Two questions to ponder:

Nicodemus is a male Jerusalem well-respected elite – how does John present him to us? In original Greek, no quotation marks were present. Some translations end Jesus' words at v.15 with verses 16 – 21 as John's 'commentary'. How might this change meaning?

**Day 2: John 3:22 – 36**

Three questions to ponder:

What made people "constantly come" to be baptized?  
What do we learn about testimony in these verses?  
How does verse 30 play out in your life?

**Day 3: John 7:37 – 52 & 19:38 – 42**

Two questions to ponder:

What else do we learn about Nicodemus in John's Gospel?  
Are you more or less sympathetic to Nicodemus after reading these other verses? Why or why not?

**Day 4: 1 John 5:1 – 11**

Three questions to ponder:

What similar themes overlap with John 3?  
What does John write about testimony here in his letter?  
How important has testimony (yours and others) been in your life?

**Day 5: 1 Peter 1:17 – 25, John 3:3 – 8**

Two questions to ponder:

These are the only Bible passages with the phrase 'born again'. What does it mean in the context?  
Is this how you have normally understood 'born again'?

**Further Reflection:** Belief leads to action. Belief in Jesus Christ comes by way of the Spirit. Our responding action is governed by the Spirit. Where are your beliefs governing action for you?