

## **Tuesday, March 10**

*Scripture Reading: John 3:1-13*

It's interesting to see how Jesus dealt with people. Here we see the Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming to Jesus all alone in the dark of night. Nicodemus was a Jewish religious ruler and leader who came from one of the prominent Jerusalem families, and was very well respected. So, no doubt he didn't want to be seen by others.

However, Nicodemus had some burning concerns that needed some answers. The Lord confronted him with his need to be "born again," and then let him go away to think things over. The next time Nicodemus is mentioned, he later defends Jesus on a procedural matter (7:45-52), but apparently he didn't openly identify with Jesus until after the crucifixion when he helps prepare Jesus' body for burial (19:39).

Jesus used many different ways in dealing with people -- approaching each one on their own terms, each with their own unique concerns. Today, we too, as believers need to use many different approaches to present the Gospel in our world. And like Jesus, then let them go away to think things over, asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance in their lives.

Can you think of some creative ways to influence friends and co-workers for Christ?

*Prayer: Open our hearts, Lord, that we may proclaim your love. Amen*

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