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## Nicodemus, Part 2

Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 30:58)

### Scripture Reading

**Bible Reader: (0:03 - 2:28), John Nousek**

**John 3:11-21,**

- Jesus' Discourse:
  - Emphasizes the reliability of his testimony about heavenly things, contrasting earthly and divine knowledge.
  - Mentions the necessity of his crucifixion as a means for salvation, likening it to Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness.
  - Declares God's love for the world, offering eternal life through belief in His Son.
  - Discusses the concept of judgment and condemnation related to belief or unbelief in Him.

### Summary

**Preacher:** Jim Lokenbauer

#### **(2:33 - 2:39) Personal Greeting**

- Greeting: The speaker acknowledges the audience and mentions having had a relaxing day.

#### **(2:41 - 9:00) Context of the Reading**

- Continuation from Morning Session: The discussion continues from the morning's reading about Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus.
- Nicodemus' Confusion:
  - Nicodemus, a Pharisee, struggled to understand Jesus' teachings, particularly about spiritual rebirth.

- Reference to Acts 13:27 where Paul notes the leaders' lack of understanding of the law's true purpose.
- Jesus' critique of the Pharisees for their legalistic approach to the law, highlighting the contrast between their teachings and his authority.
- Old Testament Prophecies:
  - Ezekiel 11:19-20 and 36:26-27 discuss the giving of a new heart and spirit, which should have been relevant to Nicodemus.
  - Jeremiah 31:31-34 prophesies a new covenant where God's law would be written on hearts, not just followed externally.
- New Testament Implications:
  - Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled these prophecies, transitioning from the Old to the New Covenant, making the old law obsolete.

### **(9:01 - 10:41) Discussion on Spiritual Understanding**

- Transformation Through the Word: Believers are transformed by internalizing God's word, leading to obedience and fruitfulness.
- Nicodemus' Missed Insight: Despite numerous Old Testament signs, Nicodemus failed to recognize Jesus as the fulfillment of these prophecies.
- Jesus' Use of "We": Refers to those spreading the gospel and performing miracles, indicating a collective witness.

### **(10:46 - 12:56) Jesus' Teaching Methods**

- Use of Parables and Metaphors: Jesus teaches through earthly illustrations to convey spiritual truths, encouraging deeper thought and understanding.
- Purpose of Parables:
  - To teach spiritual reasoning and treasure the knowledge gained through effort.
  - To conceal truth from those with ill intent, like some Pharisees, while revealing it to those seeking truth.

### **(12:57 - 14:59) Proverbs as Educational Tools**

- Value of Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, parables, words, and riddles are used by God to stimulate intellectual and spiritual growth.
- Nicodemus' Role: As a teacher, he should have been adept at deciphering these teachings.

### **(14:20 - 16:50) Jesus' Divine Nature and Role in Salvation**

- Jesus' Unique Authority: His ability to speak of heavenly things stems from his divine origin.
- Omnipresence: Jesus explains his presence in both heaven and earth, affirming his divine nature.

## **(16:51 - 22:57) Jesus as the Revelation of God**

- **Jesus' Earthly Mission:** To reveal and explain God the Father through his life, teachings, and sacrificial death.
- **Nicodemus' Potential Belief:** Jesus shares more explicitly with Nicodemus about his upcoming crucifixion and the plan of salvation, sensing his genuine search for truth.
- **Historical Reference:** Points to the event in Numbers 21 where Moses lifted up the serpent, symbolizing Jesus' crucifixion as a means of salvation.

## **(22:57 - 30:33) The Typology of the Bronze Serpent**

- **Typology Lesson:** Jesus explains to Nicodemus the typological connection between the bronze serpent and his own crucifixion.
  - Old Testament type: The Israelites looking at the snake for healing.
  - New Testament anti-type: Believers looking to Jesus for spiritual healing and eternal life.
- **John 3:16:** Emphasizes God's love and the purpose of Jesus' sacrifice.
  - This verse encapsulates the plan of salvation, making it widely recognized and quoted.
- **Purpose of Jesus' First Coming:** Not to judge but to save through belief in him.
  - His second coming will bring judgment for those who reject him.
- **Judgment and Belief:**
  - Believers are not judged, while unbelievers are already condemned by their lack of faith.
  - People reject Jesus because they love darkness (sin) more than light (truth).
- **Coming to Light:**
- Those who do good come to the light to reveal their deeds are of God.
- **Nicodemus' Actions:**
  - Defended Jesus before the Sanhedrin, showing his dedication.
  - Involved in Jesus' burial, indicating his faith or at least respect towards Jesus.

## **(30:34 - 30:58) Conclusion and Invitation**

- **Recommendation:** Encouragement to watch "The Chosen" for a portrayal of biblical events.
- **Invitation for Prayer:** An open invitation for anyone needing prayers or wanting to make requests.