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## Night Visitor

*Under cover of night he came—Nicodemus, man of the Pharisees, ruler of the Jews. For there was darkness upon his soul. "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" the Saviour asked. The light of divine truth shone for him that night. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And Nicodemus wanted to see; but the mists of prejudice, incredulity, and doubt were before his eyes, and he could only ask: "How can these things be?"*

*But it is written that "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." So it was with Nicodemus. In the revealing light of day he stood to bear the derision of his colleagues of the Sanhedrin, solitary champion of the accused Son of God. The night of his soul was dispersing and daybreak was at hand.*

*Came Calvary. Though "there was a darkness over all the earth" the light shone bright for Nicodemus. In the Man of the cross he had found the answers to his questions and the object of his faith. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

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# Open Windows

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