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(The Significant Birth - file of John)

THE NIGHT INTERVIEW

John 3:1-13

INTRODUCTION: We are standing on the Mt. peak of a great doctrine of the Bible

One of the most memorable and important interviews which ever took place in

this world took place at night. And this is another (night scene) in the Bible,

*Brief - at hand preacher sermons - short - board tilted - had teeth pulled  
that we are to turn our attention upon tonight.  
different - few days New teeth - got up to 1 1/2 hrs - " " - print mistake - gone set  
women's teeth - speaking by long sermons - a woman's had root in oven - scull'd note  
Pain'd to Finland - Not read - Slipped to Pastor "Please hurry home & shut off the gas"  
Many years ago, 1807*

raft in the middle of the river Niemen - at the little town, Tilsit in Prussia.

At 1 o'clock precisely on the 25th, the boats pushed off from opposite sides of the stream and rode toward the raft. Out of each boat stepped a single individual.

And the two met in a small wooden apartment, in the middle of the raft, while cannons thundered from the shore. And the shouts of great armies were up along the banks. The two persons were the emperors - (Napoleon and Alexander.) And the history of the time tells us that they met to (arrange a destiny) of mankind.

The hastily constructed raft on which the interview took place will be remembered as long as the story of great conquest and mighty revolutions can interest the mind of man. The conference there lasted (two hours). It was entirely private between the two emperors. And yet, the consequences would touch millions of people. It was a great crisis in human history. When the powers of government - of the nations, met together in that interview, that night.

*Life 100 yrs Ago 86 -*

*Apr - 1st motion pict. Edison - Leo W. Carrow Patent 300 Products  
Jan - Leo Burns Born - Roger Horvath apr. 7 1857  
the teacher back sold Chicago  
" Tottie Bell - Felling Dec. 9 1857*

Now we go back 1800 years beyond the treaty that was worked out between those two individuals. And we come to another conference that was held in private between two individuals that was far more momentous and lasting than between Napoleon and Alexander.

There were no great armies standing by, it was not hailed by the thunder of cannons. The interview had not been arranged before hand. Nor had anyone guarded the safety of the two in this meeting. It was (a private house) It was a late hour. It was at night. And one was an anxious old man, who had come to know and to discover something from a young teacher who had recently appeared in the city.

This is a humble conference, interview, at night between (Jesus and Nicodemus). And the light from this interview has gone out to the ends of the earth.

Now the (plans) that were formed by Napoleon and Alexander were (reversed) and defeated long ago. And it is impossible to trace their influence in the conditions of Europe today.

But the words and the (plan) spoken by Jesus, and to his listener that night - have already changed the destiny of immortal millions. And has had more influence in the previous age and they are destine to go on and to increase in power as long as this world shall stand to influence millions of others.

I want us to use tonight as a (guideline) for this interview - first, the place. Second, the Pharisee. Third, the pursuit. Fourth, the proposition. These words will help us to weave our night interview into a complete story.

I. THE PLACE

The place was in Jerusalem and it was the occasion of the (feast) of the Passover. Jesus had come down to keep the great national feast at the sacred city. (Multitudes) had come on the same errand from distant nations. The houses in Jerusalem were full.

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The streets thronged. The court squares were crowded. The valleys and the hillsides were covered with tents.

← Josephus says by actual count on one occasion it was found that (256,000 lambs) were slain between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. And that (2 million 700 thousand) persons. That is a tremendous number of people. More than the population of many of the large cities, in America - took part in the feast. So great was the multitude that the (small city) caused one to have to struggle through the crowded narrow streets. The overflow of pilgrims camping outside the city. The place was alive with people. This was the place.

← The temple was the chief attraction where the multitudes entered for the daily sacrifice, that had been offered for the thousand years. And the service led by the priests and the levites. And supported by thousands of voices in the great congregation. As they assembled under the domes, the columns, and the arches, and aisles. The whole area of the holy hill was a thing of beauty.

There was greetings and gatherings of friends after long separation.

The passionate enthusiasm with which the Jewish people entered into the great national festivals could be felt.

This could not be repeated elsewhere on the face of the earth. The Passover was the most stern, impressive, ceremonial that has ever been observed by any people.

The place was Jerusalem at the time of the Passover. And when the night of the great festivities came to a close, the multitude of Jerusalem divided into little companies to eat the lamb and to sing the songs of the Passover. In the early morning preceding the festive night, Jesus mingled with the crowd.

We (do) not know whether or not this was exaggerated but we do know that he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight - and only a wealthy man could have brought that.

It is safe to say though that he was a man of high distinction, in Jerusalem. The Pharisees were the (best people) in the whole country. There were never more than about 6,000 of them. And they were formed into (a brotherhood). This brotherhood was formed by taking a pledge in front of (three witnesses) that they would spend all of their lives in (observing) every detail of the Scribal law. Now what exactly did that mean. That meant that to the Jew, the (law) was the most sacred. The law was the first (five books) of the Old Testament. The perfect word of God. To add one word or to take one word away was a (deadly sin). (Later) the Jews, however, felt that the law was not complete and did not contain everything that was necessary for the living of the good life. So they had to add some rules and regulations. And there were an infinite number of rules and regulations to govern every conceivable situation in life. For (example), the Sabbath Day, they had some rules and regulations that took up 64 1/2 columns, in one section of the law. It was very detailed. For example, concerning a (knot) - it had to be defined. Now a man who was guilty - for example the knot of the camel drivers or that of sailors - and one is as guilty by reason of tying them or also of untying them. On the (other hand), the knot was tied by hand, by a (woman), could tie the strings of her cap or those on her girdle, it was (not a sin). You can see what happened. When a man supposedly wanted to let down a bucket in the well to draw some water - he cannot tie a rope around it for a knot on a rope was illegal. But he could tie on it a woman's girdle and let it down. For a knot on a girdle was quite legal.

The (scribes) who worked out these regulations and the Pharisees who dedicated their lives to keeping them, is exactly what the (word) Pharisee means. Separated one. Nicodemus was a Pharisee. He was a ruler of the Jews. A member of the court - the (supreme court) of the Jews and a very distinguished man. SANDHEDRIK - 70 Members

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He was indignant to find that the holy place was changed into a cattle market.  
And he removed the trade, the trading voices that were mixed with praise and prayer.  
And he bade these bargaining crew to leave the holy place and to take their  
merchandise with them. He over threw the tables and scattered the changers money  
on the marble floor. And of course, these hardened men felt and obeyed his word.

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*Master of Passover feast, money put their trust in his Name -*  
All day he had instructed the people - reasoned with them. Talked with the  
Scribes. Healed the sick. Assisted the blind and the lame, that had been brought  
to him in great numbers.

Night came and the crowded city was calm and he must seek a place of rest.  
Of quiet retreat. And I suspect that on the slopes of the Mt. of Olives - we do  
not know exactly the house. But the place was here.

II. THE PHARISEE

Among all those who had heard his words, there was perhaps this aged outstanding  
man who was powerful, among the people. He could not sleep another night until he  
had known more about this wonderful teacher. This man who had come out of Galilee.

This old man was a Master in Israel the Bible tells us. V. 1 - He was a Pharisee  
and a ruler of the Jews. That is, he was a member of the national council among  
Jerusalem and he was wealthy. And his learning and his liberality was known around  
among them.

The Jewish talmud speaks of Nicodemus of being very very rich. He was so rich  
that he could support a whole city, ten years on his resources. And could give  
his daughter 5 millions of dollars. *not married*

They will read books, hear lectures, and write letters and travel a far to get information about houses, lands, goods, worldly occupations.

There are people today who would travel to the ends of the earth to find some old piece of antique <sup>fruitful</sup> ~~that is~~ broke down - that they have to work hours and hours to try to restore it. That is nothing compared with what Jesus can tell us about ourselves, about God, about Heaven and about eternal salvation.

Yet men are reserved and cautious and sensitive. They will not become earnest to know what they shall do to be saved.

Men who can talk fast and well on everything else will be silent and shy when it comes to this grand question -- what is to become of us, when we leave this world.

Surely it ought not to be so. If there is one thing about which a wise, conscientious man should not hesitate or have any reserve or fear - it is about his own eternal salvation.

It is better to fear and hesitate and delay about everything else. Rather than about the subject of your relationship with God.

So Nicodemus, this Pharisee, wanted absolutely a private interview. And he comes at this hour away from the crowds.

LII. PURSUIT

Now the place was Jerusalem. The Pharisee was Nicodemus. And now the pursuit, or

*Amazing thing when people discover N. as a devout Religion leader - good - tested twice while - he day in prayer - gave money - Teacher - Educated - must be born again -*

Jesus had been busy all day and perhaps Nicodemus also and had not been able to talk with this remarkable person. And he wanted to do so at a time when he would not be interrupted. And he chose to wait until the crowd had dispersed and the streets had quieted down. When Jesus had gone for rest at night.

2<sup>nd</sup> Night True Visit

So in your imagination, this old man, in this late hour - this Pharisee leaves his own home without letting it known where he is going to be. He travels down the lanes and the alleys of the city, and he stumbled along over the beasts and the homeless pilgrims lying out upon the pavement. And he passes out the (Eastern gate) which was kept open all night the week of the Passover. And he perhaps went down a path in the valley of the Kidron, and there he came and quietly found the Galilean teacher. Who was lodging for the night. And what excuse he gave for himself for coming at that late hour and how the conversation began - we can only imagine. But he committed himself.

What will be said in the city when it is known that here a Pharisee, a rich honored man, (has come to Jesus) to talk to him confidentially and have a night-time interview.

There are men (today) who doubt and who (hesitate to come to Jesus) because of what they think of what others will think of them. But here is something - Christianity has been in the world 1800 years and it is proved that it is the power and the source of life. And yet there is hardly anything about which men are so slow and so unwilling to be seen and heard inquiring about Jesus.

They have no hesitation to talk among themselves and to be anxious about trade - price = work - health. And the means of living.

13 - Jesus, I'm saying unto you unless A Person is Born Again

it again and again. Here you are a master in Israel. You must be born again. You must have a new heart, a new life.

*See, which had preached on this subject over 300 times  
How Birth and the idea over & over again*

You will not see the kingdom of God.

In this interview Nicodemus is sitting here in silent amazement. Here is the kingdom of God and I cannot enter it unless I become a new man.

*Radical  
1. Can Mean From The Beginning  
2. " " Again & Second time  
3. " " above From God*

You are born as a child of wrath, a child of sin. And the second birth is you become a child and heir of eternal life.

This is the one great truth which lies at the foundation of all instructions that will make the world better and happier. It is the idea that man is lost and needs renewed. And this is a full practical acceptance of this truth, brings the entrance into the kingdom and blesses a life.

It is a new heart - pure, lovely, loving, obedient. A heart that shuns evil - seeks good, and makes a happy choice. And Jesus is talking to this man about this. This pursuit is to discover truth, and Jesus is giving him the remedy for a new spiritual life. On that memorable night, in that obscure house, in that night scene in the Bible when the interview took place. The greatest thing was discussed. More important than that which has been discussed by cabinets of kings, or councils of nations. With nothing but the words of Jesus and Nicodemus. We could use these words - and we could crusade against all the wrongs and the miseries.

Man's life is wasted by perversion - he needs to begin all anew. And to have life from above. Man is subject to the old sin and misery. He must be made a new



the quest of this man.

Now remember Nicodemus was rich, powerful, learned, a member of the proudest group. And yet, it was much to his credit however he came and acknowledged himself and inquire in quest of truth. He came (unsatisfied) seeking after light.

So many people say, well, one belief is as good as another. Just so you are sincere - after all, we are all striving for the same place. I have my own idea and you have yours.

✓ What about the quest. And what about the pursuit of this man Nicodemus. What happened when he came to Jesus and wanted to question him. Did he ask Jesus who was Cain's wife? Now, I have always wondered about that. You are the son of God, you came from God, tell me about it. Did he ask him did the whale really swallow Jonah? Tell me whether or not that was a myth or not. And then he might have said, I am wondering about these heathen on the other side of the world who have never heard the Gospel. No, when you are (face to face) with God, You are not going to talk about these things. He said, O Master, tell me about the kingdom of God.

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Jesus answered Nicodemus, in order to see the kingdom of God, to have eternal life, to be saved - "you must be born again."

What? I don't understand. I am an old man.

*John Jasper Preached Sermon New Bedford  
President Howard Not agree - Jasper when you say there is no such thing as the Religion that I have preached, you ought to say - not as you know it, there is & you don't - I'm a higher authority or not than you.*

Now I imagine this seen in the quiet house, on the slopes of Olives - on the memorable night. The old man is anxious, wondering. Here he is with all of his dignity. And Jesus is as calm and kind. And Jesus with his solemn and direct and tender way lays the great burden of the necessity upon the old man's heart.

Nicodemus was surprised. He was more ignorant than he felt. And Jesus declared

In Christ, there is a new creation. Gal. 6:15.

The new man is created after God in righteousness. Eph. 22:24.

*Mystery -*

Therefore, (to be reborn) is to become completely a new man. The (old connections) have been broken and destroyed.

(What) does it mean for us? (It) means ~~except~~ ye become converted, and become as little children - ye shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 18:3.

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Now you may not understand this. Like the wind - Nicodemus. You may not understand the gale. Where it comes from and where it is going. But you can see the trail - there are the flattened trees and the uprooted trees. And the results that are left behind by the wind. So the spirit comes into human lives and changes the picture.

(Dr. John Hutton) used to tell about a workman who had been a drunken reprobate but was converted. When he went back to work, some of his best friends tried to make him feel like a fool. They began to ask him questions and one of them said to him - surely you cannot believe in miracles. And things like that. Surely, they said, you do not believe that Jesus turned water into wine.

This new convert said, I don't know, whether Jesus turned water into wine. When he was in Palestine - but I do know that in my own house and home, he has turned (beer into furniture).

#### IV. PROPOSITION

Now we have discussed the place in Jerusalem where the Pharisee Nicodemus came

man. We do not know with what thoughts Nicodemus went back to his home that night. Certainly, it leads us to believe that there was some questions in his heart.

In his quest, Jesus answers and he says, "you must be born again."

*You must come <sup>Alive</sup> ~~Back~~*

(Again) translated means from the beginning. Completely. And again also means in a sense of going back for a second time. And in the third place, it means from above. That is, from God. To be born all over again.

Now it was not the desireability that Nicodemus questioned. It was the (possibility) *eyebid* - "I will give you a new heart & put a new spirit within you." 36:26

The phrase born again is an idea of rebirth that runs through the New Testament.

Peter speaks of God who has begotten us to the living hope. I Peter 1:3.

He talks about being born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible. I Peter 1:22-23.

James speaks of God begetting us with a word of truth - James 1:18.

Titus speaks of the washing of regeneration. Chapter 3 - Verse 5

Paul speaks of the Christian as dying with Christ - rising to life anew. Romans 6:1, 11.

He speaks of those Christians - if any man is in Christ, it is as if he had been created all over again. 2 Cor. 5:17.

The Bible says that a man in this unrenewed state is without love, without peace, hope, pardon - he is at war with himself. He has a heavy burden upon his heart. He remembers his past. And regrets the darkness. And you should not be surprised that Jesus would say, man must be born again. You cannot enter into that blessed pure kingdom of God unless you are.

All you have to do is shut the Bible and read the book of human nature and you will find reason enough to say that human character will have to be made over. You'll have to be utterly changed. The great mystery to me is that men are unwilling to accept this proposition. They insist on in their own ways.

Renewed means to be righted. He starts the heavenly journey. This is like the blind man - the scales fall from his eyes. He is like a bird that is freed from a net and flies away across the trees like the wind. The man who has been renewed - has great power and joy. And he has a birth-right of a new born child of God. The change wrought in his heart - has changed things. His name is enrolled in the (record book of Heaven) He is expected to arrive there at the proper time. And preparations are now being made for his reception. An apartment in the house of many mansions is awaiting him. The angels to guide him on

his way. *We need to talk about it - key is come & see - old world is tired & lost - Bishop Moore - train to the ... still saw an old Negro lounging outside station - "Does anybody around here enjoy Religion - quick - yes sir, Them's that got it do!!" Only people enjoy Rel. are those that have it!*

Some people talk about born-again Christians like there is some other way. There can be no other way. We become Christians by a super-natural power. We are changed by the work - as Jesus pointed out here, of the Spirit. Now people talk about different doors of religion - and going to Heaven. But that is all false. There is only one door and Jesus is that door. And the way it takes place is something that we cannot understand but in V. 8 - as soon as we are born of God, there is a (total change) Of all the particulars of life. And we discover that our eyes are opened, our ears are opened, we are ready to hear whatsoever God teaches us. We feel his touch. We begin to love his church. And this happens

*The one way to take place once not repeated*

*V. 8*

in pursuit during the interview at night with a quest, (for eternal life). Now the

proposition is, this is something for each person who listens to me. Let me ask

you something - (have) I myself experienced this great change, which is needed by

all in order to see the kingdom of God.

*Where I start - Here is the word most  
Old Time Mourner's Bench - People - conflicting things went on - Men went down - sister stepped on  
Back & said "Hold on Bro! if want God hold on - another " Brother Turn loose" - later woman  
I was converted "a big light hit me in the face & knocked me cold"*

(Have) I been born again? (Has) the old life of sin and worthiness which has

separated me from God been given up. (Have) I begun the new life of love, trust,

and obedience.

*I tried to hold on - Turn loose & look for the light - I almost never made it!  
Method simple - I must acknowledge my sin - Repentance -*

(Have) I turned my back on the dark ways of death and sin. Am I now walking in

the Heavenly path upon which God sends his blessings.

*There is no sept. sign you can be a Christian & live any kind of life you want to!*

(If) there is any doubt, the need of this change fits your life. (Consider) what

the Bible says about it. (It) says that men without a Saviour are lost creatures.

That Christ comes to seek and to save that which was lost. The Bible describes

the roaming nature of the disposition of man. That he cannot feel at home, at

ease in Heaven. And we must renounce this carnal, evil.

And there is no denying that the Bible gives very (hard names) to all who have

(not put) on the new name, and the new man. It says (first) of all that you are dead

in trespasses and in sin. And that you must be quickened and raised up in a new

and in a holy life. (It) says that you are sold unto sin and that you must be

bought with an infinite price. It says that you are in bondage and a mighty

deliverer must come and free you. It says that you are blind to your obligations.

And your eyes need to be opened.

When you come with as much earnestness about the Bible, the best men who ever lived on this earth have had to pour out their souls in sorrowful, agonizing confession. Because they felt their need of divine source.

Now that is the way the new birth is. Jesus comes in when we are reborn.

Life does not begin in the winter time or in the fall. But Life begins in the spring when things come forth. And life will not begin at 21 or at 40. Life will begin for you with the new birth. When you experience this. Jesus said Accept a man be born again, that man is doomed. No matter how low, how high, how sinful you may be. He is doomed. And the only way to change your life is to change your heart.

> What example can we use - here is a person who has an old crabapple tree in the back yard. It produces sour apples. Knotty, Wormy. And the man wants to produce some sweet fruit. The man says I am going to make that a peach tree. So he pulls off the crab apples and he gets some ripe peaches and ties them onto the tree. And he tells someone to look and see - I have a peach tree. Just covered with peaches. We'll have peaches from now on. Now that's what he thinks. That is stupid. You just pulled off the sour apples and put on the sweet peaches. You haven't changed that tree - it is still the sour crab apple tree.

Now the proposition tonight is, that you will not solve your problem of sin by simply pulling off a few of the sour sins that you have and your habits and put on a few good works. And you say, I know I have been bad. Man cannot save himself - he must be born again.

< Dr. Marshal Craig tells a story how late one night he was called to the home of a dying girl in her late teens. She had taken some poison. What can I do for you - she said, what can you do for me. Are you the preacher? Well, there is not much I can do for you he said. But Jesus can. And he took out his New Testament and he began to read from the Bible what it had to say about sin. He read also what it had to say about the Saviour. And then he read to her what it said to her about the new birth. And the girl began to confess. I've had all the drugs of life.

over and over again. People come under the mystery and the mastery of the new birth. God works in a human heart. He said to Nicodemus - listen to the wind. The night is full of it. The wind is in the top of the olive trees. You know the Holy Spirit is just like that with ceaseless action. And the spirit tonight - and the proposition is that no man can control this. And Jesus said, if you want to be saved. If you want your life changed. If you want to see a great work take place and be manifest in your life. No man can track it or diagnose it. No man can know where the spirit will stop or where the spirit will lead him. And no man tonight should say in his life, my life is fixed. I'll never be changed.

Now the complete change can come, because God will make the change the moment you open your heart.

There is a story told by Dr. A. B. Simpson about a young man who appealed to him for spiritual help. One day the young man said to Dr. Simpson, I'm all right when I am with you but when I am away from you, I do not seem to have the strength to resist temptation.

His teacher, A. B. Simpson said, suppose it were possible for me to get inside of you and live my life in you and through you. Do you think that would solve your problem.

Most assuredly replied the young man.

But said Dr. Simpson, you must believe that the Scriptures teach that you have one greater than I living in you. For every believer has Jesus Christ abiding in his heart. He is your life. It is your privilege to let him live his life in and through you.

I left my mother and have been living an awful life. I've committed all kinds of sins. And soon she came to surrender her heart to Christ like Nicodemus and in tears she said, "I give my heart to Jesus Christ." "Isn't it wonderful that Jesus can save a sinner like me."

Yes, it is imperative and it is a proposition that everyone can expect.

*Can't handle it or don't know what exchange has taken place - People who know me before can't believe it -*

An old missionary translated the Bible into a primitive language - had to deal with the word faith. He illustrated it with the use of a chair. You believe in a chair. You give assent to the fact that it holds people up. And that chair will support you only when you trust enough to put yourself on it. That is faith. When you put your soul and whole weight on Jesus Christ. You must put yourself there.

### Mark of The New Birth

How do I know " " "

- 18:5:10 - he that is born of God hath a witness within himself!
- 19:3:14 - we know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brethren
- 18:5:17 - whosoever is born of God overcometh the world.
- 18:2:29 - everyone that doeth righteousness is born of God!
- Gal 6:15 - in X there is a new creation,

Illustration New Birth - Man in hitch house front saloon - one A.M. Salomon Kasper came along - "Why is horse" in front of the church? Last night I was converted in the Revival meeting & I've changed hitching post!

That's what it means to be Born Again -

you can be Born Again Now! - Not out of date - old fashioned - weary - scholar, constant failure until experience - needed necessity