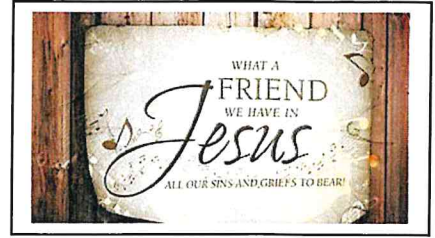


What A Friend: Getting to Know Jesus through the Gospel of John
January 17, 2021 @ 9:15 AM
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- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Class Outline and Intentions for the Class
- C. Opening Devotional: Psalm 1
- D. Jesus in the Gospel of John:
 - 1. Jesus loves spending time with _____ in John's gospel.
 - 2. There are many _____ in the Gospel of John.
 - 3. There are long _____ with people in John's Gospel.
 - 4. _____ through Jesus Christ is important to John.
 - 5. The theme of _____ is strong throughout the Gospel of John.
- E. Getting to Know Nicodemus:
 - 1. He was a member of the _____, a group of Jewish leaders.
 - 2. He was a part of the Sanhedrin, _____ who served as the Jewish ruling council.
 - 3. He was a man of great respect, responsibility, morality, and _____.
 - 4. He is both _____ and cautious.
 - 5. He came to gain _____ of Jesus and his relationship to God.
 - 6. Like most conversations, Jesus takes this one in an _____ way.
- F. Being Born Again: John 3:1-21
 - 1. Often the "born again" phase makes us Presbyterians _____.
 - 2. Born again is better translated as "born from _____."
 - 3. Jesus is talking about the spiritual realm while Nicodemus is thinking _____.
 - 4. Nicodemus _____ very pragmatically, much like a lawyer.
 - 5. When we are born of the Spirit, our lives _____.
- G. Curious, yet Cautious:
 - 1. What do we risk when we seek Jesus?
 - 2. How might others perceive us when we come to Jesus?
 - 3. Is the risk worth the reward?
- H. The Rest of the Story:
 - 1. Nicodemus appears _____ other times in the Bible.
 - 2. He argues for the _____ treatment of Jesus in John 7:50-52.
 - 3. With Joseph of Arimathea, he prepares Jesus' body for _____ in John 19:38-32.

I. Take Aways:

1. New birth comes when we _____ Christ into our lives.
2. Jesus invites _____ to receive this new life.
3. Are you ready to receive this new life offered by God?

J. Closing Thoughts and Prayer