

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“God’s Chosen One must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will live forever.”

“Yes, God loved the world so much that God sent the only Son of God into the world. Everyone who believes in him will live forever.”

“God did not send the Son of God to judge the world, but to save it. And everyone who believes in him is saved.

“But those who refuse to believe in him are already being judged. And this is how they are judged: When the light came into the world, they chose to stay in the dark instead of coming into the light. They liked to stay in the dark because the things they are doing are very evil. In the dark, no one can see the evil things they are doing.

“But those who do good things love to come into the light. In the light, everyone can see the good things they do because they believe in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicodemus was a Pharisee, but one who followed Jesus in secret.



What Jesus is saying is that often we don't like to follow Jesus. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves what is good.

C H I L D R E N ' S
L I T U R G Y

CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel talks about being in the light and being in the darkness. The light is supposed to mean good things, to be holy, to pray and to be with Jesus. The dark means the opposite - being in sin, being away from Jesus and not showing love to others.

We must remember that anyone can turn from the dark to the light. Anyone can be saved by Jesus, and turn away from their sins.

It's really important that today's Gospel starts off with the character of Nicodemus. Now Nicodemus was a Pharisee, and most Pharisees did not like Jesus very much. But Nicodemus was special, he still wanted to hear what Jesus said, even if he heard it in secret.

Today's Gospel provides an example that anyone (no matter how we see them) can always restart, and follow Jesus.



RESTART!

Look at the sentences about Carol below. What should Carol do? Write your answer!



Carol got into a fight with her best friend Jessie. Now she feels bad. What should she do?

Carol took a book from a store without paying or asking her mom. What should she do?
