

## The Gospel According to Jesus

We need the Jesus of the Gospels, and we need the Gospel of Jesus.

You Must Be Born Again

John 3.1-8

The Gospel of Jesus is a challenge to a new life in Jesus

### The Challenge

3.1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Nicodemus was trapped in religion.

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus experienced a challenge to his religious convictions.

Jesus challenges us at the point of our beliefs and convictions about God and our relationship with God.

The born again life is a new life, it is an eternal life

### The Life

4 Nicodemus \*said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit

is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

To follow Jesus speaks of a change in the direction and purpose of your life

Jn 3.15 NLT so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life

To follow Jesus and to be born again requires faith and trust in Jesus.

We are born again when we trust the resurrected Jesus as our savior. This is the difference between life in Jesus and the religions of men.