

What We Need To Discover In Ourselves

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Text: John 3:1-21

Introduction: A man named Nicodemus discovered some things about himself that we also need to discover.

We all *need* Jesus. We *need* His:

- _____.
- _____.
- _____ and _____.

We don't want to *believe* that we *need* Jesus. Instead, we want to *believe* that we:

- Are basically _____ and can do enough _____ things to make up for the _____ things we've done.
- Need the friendship of people like _____; that Jesus is too _____ to relate to.
- Can find the _____ we need in life from those who have experienced our own _____.

My faith journey has been a constant discovery that Jesus has been tempted and has suffered in every way that I ever have, but to a far greater degree, and far more voluntarily!

What we would like to call human nature is actually a sinful nature of _____ and _____ toward God that we _____ at birth.

Conclusion: The human gateway into a right relationship with God is humility. It is coming to the place of accepting ourselves as we *really* are rather than as we wish ourselves to be, and that we desperately need Jesus!