



“Nicodemus”
Underdog Series
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Many people are not **FOLLOWERS** of Jesus, they’re **FANS** of Jesus.

- Definition of “Fan”: An enthusiastic **ADMIRER**.
- Many fans mistake themselves as followers by using **COMPARISONS**.
- We often measure our relationship with Jesus by seeing if we observe all the **RELIGIOUS RULES**.
 - “He (Nicodemus) came to Jesus at night” John 3:2

Following Jesus will **COST YOU SOMETHING**.

Have you simply made a decision for Jesus or have you **COMMITTED** to Jesus?

- Many have made a decision to **BELIEVE** in Jesus without making a commitment to **FOLLOW** Jesus!
 - When we decide to believe in Jesus without making a commitment to follow Him, we become nothing more than **FANS**.
- Following by definition calls for **MOVEMENT**!
 - To truly believe you have to **FOLLOW**!

There’s no forgiveness without **REPENTANCE**!

There’s no salvation without **SURRENDER**!

There’s no believing without **COMMITTING**!

- “Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?” John 7:51
- “Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.” John 19:39

Have you just made a decision for Jesus, or have you actually committed to Jesus?

C3 Message Discussion

Last Week's Next Steps: Did you gather online for C3's live stream on Sunday to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: Where were you born? What stories have you heard about your birth?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

What is significant about Nicodemus, a Pharisee, coming to Jesus?

In John 3, why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?

Read John 19:38-42. Why did secret believer Nicodemus risk public exposure at this time?

Why do you think Jesus was so direct with Nicodemus?

Would you say you are a fan of Jesus, or are you a follower of Jesus? Be honest!

When did you begin to see God as saving you rather than condemning you?

Following Jesus will cost you something. If you are a follower of Jesus, what has it cost you to follow Jesus?

Following, by definition, calls for movement? What does that mean to you? Explain & give details from your life now.

How can this group pray for me? How can I pray for those in my group?

This Week's Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

Read the story of Nicodemus in John 3:1-21 & John 19:38-42