

Questions for Gospel Harmony #20 – Part 1

John 3.1-8

1. Who was Nicodemus? Why did he come to Jesus by night? What did he and his associates know about Jesus and how did they know it? (Verses 1-2)
2. What must a man do to “see the Kingdom of God”? What does it mean to “see the Kingdom of God”? How else can the phrase “born again” be translated? Which translation better captures the meaning in this context? Why would Jesus respond to Nicodemus’ statement with this declaration? (Verses 3-4)
3. How does Jesus answer Nicodemus’ question (from the previous verse)? What does it mean to be “born of water and the Spirit?” Explain the statement: “That which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (Verses 5-6)
4. Is what Jesus says here an analogy (what being born of the Spirit is like) or an explanation (how someone is born of the Spirit)? What do the Greek words for “wind” and “spirit” have in common, and how does that support your conclusion on the meaning of these verses? (Verses 7-8)