

## **Nic and Joe Save Easter** (Easter 2015)

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The **ENTIRE CHRISTIAN FAITH... HINGES... on ONE SINGLE EVENT...**

### **THE RESURRECTION!**

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#### **JOHN 3:1-2...**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named **Nicodemus** who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night "Rabbi... **WE** know that you are a teacher who has **come from God**. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if **God... were... not... with... him.**"

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#### **JOHN 3:3...**

Jesus replied... "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **born again**."

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Big Question...

### **HOW DO I KNOW THAT I HAVE A RIGHT-STANDING WITH GOD?**

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Jesus Said...

### **YOU MUST BE BORN-AGAIN!**

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#### **JOHN 3:4...**

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked.  
"Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

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#### **JOHN 3:5-6...**

"Very truly I tell you... no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water **AND** the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh but the **Spirit** gives birth to spirit.

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### **A SPIRITUAL BIRTH!**

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#### **JOHN 3:7...**

You should not be surprised at my saying... **You must be born again.**

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**JOHN 3:9...**  
**"How can this be?"**

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**JOHN 3:13...**  
No one has ever gone into heaven...

...except the one who came from heaven the **Son of Man**.

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**JOHN 3:14-15...**  
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**JOHN 7:45-53...**  
Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, **"Why didn't you bring him in?"**

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**"No one ever spoke the way this man does..."**

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**"You mean he has deceived you also?"**

**"Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law - there is a curse on them."**

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**"Does our law... condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"**

They replied... **"Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it... and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."**

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**Then they all went home.**

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**ISAIAH 53:5-6...**

***But He was pierced for our transgressions... He was crushed for our iniquities... the punishment that brought us peace... was on Him... and by His wounds... WE are healed. We ALL... like sheep - have gone astray - each of us has turned to our own way - and the Lord has laid on Him... the iniquity... of... us... all!***

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*And it was in that MOMENT... they REALIZED...*

***YOU ENTERED INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD...  
NOT THROUGH GOOD BEHAVIOR... BUT IN FAITH... IN THIS ONE MAN...  
THAT GOD HAD SENT ON BEHALF OF ALL... MAN... KIND!***

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***MARK 15:42b-43...***

*So as evening approached... Joseph of Arimathea a prominent member of the Council... who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God... went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.*

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***MARK 15:44-45...***

*Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead.*

*Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph.*

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***JOHN 19:39a...***

*HE was accompanied by NICODEMUS - the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.*

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***JOHN 19:39b-40...***

*Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.*

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***JOHN 19:41-42...***

*At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.*

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***AND THAT'S HOW "NIC & JOE" -- SAVED EASTER!***

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