



**The Gospel of John Series Part III
“The Calling of The First Disciples”
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Key Passage: John 3:1-15**

We are all a lot like [Nicodemus](#).

Nicodemus unpacked:

- 1). We all have a bit of [religiousness](#) in us.
- 2). We know [Jesus](#) to an extent—of Him, about Him, regarding Him, of His ways and life.
- 3). We so desperately want to [desire](#) Jesus and move beyond our [superficial](#) faith.

Living in the ‘margins of scripture’ is a safe place, where the expectation is not too high a cost. We can feel close to the Lord without the accountability of entering into the narrative.

- 4). There is a [tension](#) and [struggle](#) to accept Jesus as Lord!

The Pathway to New Life:

[Repentance](#)- turning our heart and mind away from other gods and ourselves and believing in God alone.

[Surrender](#)- is accepting Jesus as Savior and choosing to live in His pathway.

[Lordship](#)- that Jesus is the ruler, the boss, the master of your whole life.

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

“For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died, and rose and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” (Romans 14:8-9)

