

PCOM SERMON NOTES

March 1, 2026 • Pastor Courtney Ellis

Sermon Series: Close Encounters: Jesus in the Gospels

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Sermon Notes:

I. Come to Jesus

Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night, hesitant and uncertain. Jesus honors where he is in his story *and* calls him forward to greather faith.

II. Be _____

Ephesians 2:1-5 - we were dead in our sins... but made alive with Christ!

Fleming Rutledge: From beginning to end, the Holy Scriptures testify that the predicament of fallen humanity is so serious, so grave, so irremediable from within, that nothing short of divine intervention can rectify it.

III. See _____

Where do you see signs of God's kingdom?

This isn't the end of Nicodemus's story. We read in John 7:50-52 and John 19:38-42 what happens to him next.

**** Questions for discussion on the reverse side. ****

Questions for discussion:

1. Read the middle and the conclusion of Nicodemus's story in John 7:50-52 and John 19:38-42. What do you notice about his courage and faith?

2. How does the way Jesus meets Nicodemus in John 3 set up the rest of the Pharisee's story? How did Jesus first meet you?

3. Where are you in the progression of faith? How might you take a step closer to Jesus today?

Next week's Scripture: John 4:5-42 with Pastor Jackson