

# The Year Of Following Jesus #13: Jesus & Nicodemus

March 25, 2022

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

March 26 & 27, 2022

God of Wonders

Welcome

Good, Good Father

Egypt

Lord's Supper Thought

Way Maker

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #13 -  
Jesus & Nicodemus: Nic @ Nite - Pastor Ed

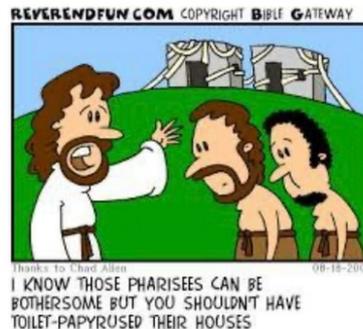


## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ April service projects - CANDY!
- ➔ March service projects: blankets

### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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### Riverside Happenings

#### ALL THINGS EASTER:

**April Service Project** - Bring LOTS of CANDY for our Easter egg hunt.

**Egg Stuffing Party** - **Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm** - Come help stuff the eggs at church. It's a great way to serve and get to know people.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - **Saturday, April 16th from 12:30-2pm**. Candy, prizes and free pictures with the Easter Bunny. This is one of our biggest outreaches to the community. Lots of help will be needed: "hide" the eggs, give away prizes and assist the Easter Bunny, as well as making everyone feel welcome, plus help cleaning up afterward. Questions: See Pastor Ed or Aniela.

**Easter Services - Easter is Sunday, April 17th**. We will offer Easter Services Saturday, April 16th at 6pm, as well as Sunday at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am. Invite a friend! Want to help with parking, serving communion or ushering? See Pastor Ed.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism) and we'll get you sorted out.



**The Month Of March With Mark** - There's still time to join us as we read through the gospel of Mark and discuss what we've read. You can pick up a hard copy of the daily readings or scan the QR code for step by step instructions.

**Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 6:30. We're going through the Gospel of Mark. No experience required! See Ed for details.



**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, April 9th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, April 4th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine on Monday nights at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Tayler or Aniela.



**Thursday, March 31st 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help? See Liz & Kyle, Tayler, or Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

# Following The Year Of Jesus #13 Jesus & Nicodemus Nic @ Nite -or- Get A Life!

*There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus.*

—John 3:1-2 (NLT)

## 3 Lessons From Nicodemus:

### 1. We All Need A New Birth.

- "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent

*you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”*

*—John 3:2-3 (NLT)*

- *Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.*

*—Mark 10:21-22 (NLT)*

## **2. The New Birth Is Not A Band-Aid.**

- *“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’*

*—John 3:4-7 (NLT)*

And Jesus said unto the theologians,  
"Who do you say that I am?"

They replied, "You are the  
eschatological manifestation of the  
ground of our being, the kerygma of  
which we find the ultimate meaning in  
our interpersonal relationships."

And Jesus said "...What?"



- *"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"*  
—John 3:10 (NLT)
- *Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.*

—Ezekiel 36:25-27 (NLT)

- *Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come alive.*

—Ezekiel 37:5-6 (NLT)

- *Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may come alive.” So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.*

—Ezekiel 37:9-10 (NLT)

- *“The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.” “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.*

—John 3:8-9 (NLT)

### **3. It’s All About The Pistos.**

- *For this is how God loved the world: He gave[g] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

—John 3:16-17 (NLT)

- *No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man[e] has come down from heaven. And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.*

—John 3:13-15 (NLT)

- *Then Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, spoke up. “Is it legal to convict a man*

*before he is given a hearing?" he asked.*

*—John 7:50-51 (NLT)*

- *When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night.*

*—John 19:38-39 (NLT)*

## **Riverside Info Texting System**

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive