

## *Nicodemus Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*This conversation catches Nicodemus between the crucifixion and the Resurrection.*

*How must it have felt for a Pharisee to be put on the defensive about matters of faith?*

*Why do you suppose Jesus treated him that way?*

*What evidence indicated that Nicodemus became a follower of Jesus?*

*How did he defend Jesus to the Council? (John 7:50-51)*

*What was the response of the Pharisees? (John 7:53)*

*What was the error of the Pharisees that made them think Jesus could not possibly be a prophet?*

*Do people neglect to even look at evidence because of some prior commitment to what they will or will not accept?*

*All the disciples were confused about Jesus death even though He told them clearly ahead of time and also told of the Resurrection. Why did God allow this to happen?*

*Might Nicodemus have been feeling guilty that he could not convince the Council to consider the works of a prophet performed by Jesus?*

*Have you even felt responsible when it looked like God's will was NOT done and you could have made a difference?*

*What is the lesson we need to learn?*