



GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 20
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS

"How Can These Things Be?" – Part 1

John 3:9-21

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- 1. The ANXIETY of Nicodemus - 9

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. The **ANSWER** of Jesus - 10-13

- He expressed **Concern** over his failure to understand - 10

Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

- He revealed the **Cause** of his failure – 11

Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

"we" - Jesus and John the Baptist.

- He emphasized the **Contrast** between the earthly and heavenly things – 12

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

"earthly" - birth and wind

"heavenly things" - eternal life/salvation

- He explained the **Character** of the gospel – 13

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.