

Jesus Is The Paradigm Shift

Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

JOHN 3:3

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"Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again he cannot see
the kingdom of God.'"
- John 3:3

A paradigm shift is a moment when everything you thought you understood
suddenly changes at once-
not by improvement,
not by clarification,
but by seeing reality through a different lens-
a paradigm shift.

Nicodemus was about to experience one.

He came at night.
(John 3:2)

He wasn't there to trap Jesus.
He came because something in him knew
Jesus carried answers he couldn't find anywhere else-
which made his visit even more important.

Nicodemus wasn't just a Pharisee.
He was a member of the Sanhedrin-
one of the most respected teachers in Israel,
a man whose entire world was built
on law, lineage, and tradition.
A man who belonged to the very group
already seeking to kill Jesus. (John 7:1;
John 7:25; John 11:53)

If anyone understood the Kingdom,
it was him.

But something about Jesus stirred him-
the signs he had seen,
signs no one could perform
unless God was with Him- (John 3:2)
signs that proved God's presence.

Nicodemus didn't know it yet,
but he was standing on the edge
of a paradigm shift.

And before he could even form his first question,
Jesus went straight to the heart-
straight to the truth:

"Unless one is born again,
he cannot see the kingdom of God."
(John 3:3)

In a single sentence,
Jesus replaced the world view Nicodemus had trusted his whole life.
Not an adjustment.
Not an upgrade.
A completely different lens-
a paradigm shift.

Jesus revealed a Kingdom not earned by effort,
not secured by lineage,
not accessed by knowledge,
but received through a birth only
the Spirit can give.
(John 3:5-8)

And this birth is given
by the Spirit
to all who believe in God's Son.

Nicodemus came at night seeking clarity.
So Jesus reached back into Israel's story-
to Moses lifting the bronze serpent- (Numbers 21:4-9)
and said that everyone who believes
in the One who would be lifted up
would have eternal life.
(John 3:14-15)

And this is the part you may not know about Jesus-
He didn't just correct Nicodemus' theology.
He shifted his reality.
He carried him beyond every question he brought
to a far greater truth-
The Paradigm Shift-
Jesus Himself.