



DAILY MOMENTS

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DAY ONE HUNDRED-NINE: "Are you willing to Come to Jesus?"

Read John 3:19-21

"This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil"
(John 3:19).

Before Jesus sends Nicodemus on his way, He leaves him one last warning. "This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."

Will Nicodemus admit he is drowning in his sins and only Jesus can set him free? He came to Jesus at night under the cover of darkness so no one could see. Is he willing and ready to step out into the light and receive the forgiveness Jesus came to bring?

Coming to Christ isn't easy for us either. We want to impress each other. Why would any of us want to open up and let our brothers and sisters in faith see the dark secrets we keep hidden away inside? Like Nicodemus there is a Pharisee hidden deep inside every one of us too.

We take pride in going to church regularly, putting our money in the offering plate and holding offices in our local congregation. But Christ knows us inside and out. He knows our pride, our stubbornness and our judgmental heart. Jesus' call to Nicodemus goes out to each of us—no matter *who* we are. Are you willing to come to Christ Jesus in His Church? Are you willing to look to the crucified and risen Savior, to confess your need and follow Him.

"Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!" Amen.

Steve Martin