

Audition Script 9 – Nicodemus

At this final exchange, the Pharisees turn to walk away proudly and with contempt. Exits center up stage. Nicodemus alone takes a few steps toward Jesus and appears to be the only one who hears His final words to them.

Jesus: *(looking at Nicodemus)* **To receive love,** *(turning to the audience)* **you must first love.** *(Jesus walks over to the garden area.)*

Nicodemus: *(follows Jesus...)* **But Master, how can one experience this Kingdom of God?**

Jesus: **You must be willing to be born anew—to become a new creation.**

Nicodemus: *(taking a few more steps toward Jesus, who is also moving slowly toward him)* **Can an old man** *(pointing to himself)* **enter his mother’s womb again?**

Jesus: **Born of the spirit, Nicodemus. Spirit born of Spirit, just as the physical is born of the physical. The wind breathes across the earth and we cannot tell where it begins or ends. So it is with the mystery of God, who breathes into our spirits a new life.**

Nicodemus: *(drops his head sadly)* **But how?**

Jesus: *(reaches out and touches his shoulder...)* **For God so loves this world, Nicodemus, that he gives His only begotten son.** *(moves to the front of the stage...)* **That whoever will believe on Him will never die, but live forever! God did not send His Son to judge or condemn men, but to lead them to salvation, to newness of life, to all that is truth, to everything that is known as good and beautiful in God’s eyes.**