

‘Encounters in Scripture’  
*htcd* – Evening Worship Preaching Series, Summer 2007  
**SERMON ELEVEN: Nicodemus**  
**Religious Self-Sufficiency (John 3. 1 – 21)**  
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- 1 What sort of man is Nicodemus? (1)
- 2 Religious Spirit as revealed in Nicodemus
  - Secrecy rather than openness (2)
  - Certainty rather than mystery (2)
  - Fear of Man rather than Fear of God (2)
  - ‘Earthly’ sight rather than ‘heavenly’ reality (12)
  - Self-sufficiency rather than dependence
- 3 How does Jesus respond?
  - cuts straight to the chase (3 – 8)
  - two-realm reality (9 – 13)
  - the Cross at the heart of the gospel (14 – 16)
  - condemnation or salvation (17 – 21)
- 4 How does Nicodemus respond?
  - John 7. 45 – 52
  - John 19. 38 – 42
- 5 How do I respond?