



## A Journey into the Light

1. First step is the \_\_\_\_\_ step.
2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ freaks.
3. We may have to admit that we were \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:1-2 (NIV)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

- Light meets darkness \_\_\_\_\_ it is.

John 3:3-8 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

- Light reveals \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:9-18)

- Light provides \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:19-21)

John 7:45-52 (NIV)

Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" <sup>46</sup> "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards replied. <sup>47</sup> "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. <sup>48</sup> "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him?" <sup>49</sup> No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them. <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."

- Embracing the light is a \_\_\_\_\_.

John 19:38-42 (NIV)

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup> He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. <sup>40</sup> Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. <sup>41</sup> At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

- Stepping into the light is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stepping into the light is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stepping into the light means \_\_\_\_\_ for who He really is.
- Only fitting response to exposure to the light is \_\_\_\_\_.