




DIRECTOR'S NOTES



CAST:

-  **NICODEMUS:** a Jewish leader, advanced in age, religiously dressed
-  **JESUS:** a younger teacher, with beard, and commonly attired
-  **HOUSEHOLD SERVANT:** nondescript in every way

SETTING:

An ordinary house, in a quiet first-century town in the Levant. An older, but distinguished looking man, approaches. The sun has recently set. Light from burning candles escapes the home as the door is pulled open to him.

The man introduces himself as Nicodemus. He says he has come in hopes of having a conversation with the one called Jesus. He is invited in and given a seat at the table. Some bread is set before him. The furnishings are sparse. The house servant leaves the room and a younger bearded man enters.

A CONVERSATION WITH JESUS ON RELIGION



It is one thing to decide not to follow the teacher but quietly to go back home, which, after hearing the Sermon on the Mount, I would have done. It is another thing altogether to lose interest in what Jesus had to say. And I cannot imagine, living at that time, I could ever have lost interest.

— A RABBI TALKS WITH JESUS¹

I can't help but think that Nicodemus would have thought our present-day discussions on religion to be strangely curious.

After all, he was a religious man.

We meet him on the pages of John's Gospel prior to his conversation with Jesus.²

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

Pharisees were known for their devotion to the Hebrew Bible. They were people of the