

# Jesus Is...

## *The New Temple*

Read the following verses: John 2:23-3:18

### **Examining the Text:**

1. In John 2:23-25 we read that people believed in Jesus. Is this kind of believing adequate or not? If not, why not? Do you think Nicodemus belongs to this category or not?
2. What is Nicodemus' need according to Jesus?
3. Did Nicodemus understand Jesus?
4. In John 3:4-7 (a section that describes *what it is to be born again on our side*) how does Jesus describe being born again?
5. In John 3:8 Jesus uses the metaphor of wind to describe the Spirit. Why is this helpful to those who have been born again?
6. In John 3:10-15 (a section which describes *how we are born again on God's side*) how does Jesus explain to Nicodemus "How can these things be?"

### **Digging Deeper:**

1. Read Ezekiel 36:25-27 and pay attention to water and Spirit. These verses give the background to John 3:5, which Jesus knew Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a teacher of Israel, would have known. Based upon Ezekiel, what are the results of being born again?

### **The Heart of the Matter:**

1. Being born again should result in a changed life (John 3:8). What changes happened in your life, and/or the lives of those close to you when you/they were born again?