



**I**t was night, and the streets were quiet. Nicodemus crept quietly away from his house into the darkness to find Jesus. He had lots of questions to ask him. But he wasn't sure he was going to understand the answers. He found Jesus and they started a conversation, but in many ways Nicodemus was in the dark. \* Jesus said to him, 'Just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, \* so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.' But Nicodemus was confused and still in the dark.

Jesus continued, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die, but may have eternal life.'

Nicodemus began to smile, as light crept into his eyes.

'Indeed,' Jesus continued, 'God did not send his Son into the world to judge it, but so that he might save it. Those who believe in him are not judged; but those who do not believe are judged, because they do not believe in the only Son of God.'

The light began to dawn, as Jesus said, 'The light has come into the world. People loved darkness rather than light because what they did was evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come towards it, so that what they have done is not discovered. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that everyone can see that what they have done has been done in God.'

Nicodemus left Jesus as the darkness of night was over, and the dawn was bringing the light of a new day. **John 3.14-21**

\* See *Share the Word*.