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Great Chapters of the Bible.
John iii.

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John II.

Introductory.

This Chapter:

- i Gives the account of the Conversation of Jesus with Nicodemus on the occasion of His first Messianic visit to Jerusalem; 1-21.
 - ii Records the fact that after that visit Jesus tarried for a period in Judaea; 22-30
 - iii Ends with some reflections of John - the mirror - on the ministry of Jesus; 31-36.
- *: The Herald's Recount

It has been chosen by 43 out of 202.

Almost certainly the choice resulted from the story of Nicodemus.

Yet there is a unity in it, as it reveals in its entirety the great central verities of Christianity.

These are found in certain outstanding declarations, around which all the rest gathers.

The story is well known, and I shall not tarry with it.

The Sayings to which I refer are Three; -

Two by Jesus.

One by the Writer.

Let us read them;

Verse ~ ~ ~ ~ 3

Verses ~ ~ ~ ~ 14-17.

Verse ~ ~ ~ ~ 35-36.

A. The Sayings of Jesus.

I. Verse 3.

Note.

The ensuing conversation was in interpretation of that saying.

In itself - Complete.

The first word of Christ to humanity ~ ~ ~

a man to so
except one

i. The Great Necessity.

a. Its revolutionary character.

A new conception of the Kingdom of God.
Removed from the conception of conditions in the material, to that of relation to the spiritual.

Be - in order to Become

Instead of Become in order to Be.

(Eberstein)

b. The distinguishing message & mission of Christ - the of Christianity.

ii. The World Backgrounds - Then - & Now.

a. Roman.

Government.

Organization of Conditions.

b. Greek.

Art.

Experience & Expression.

c. Hebrew

Ritual

Rules & Regulations.

All left men debased.

Note. Nicodemus tacitly accepted the philosophy but questioned the possibility.

I. Verses 14-17.

Notes.

Interpretation of Christianity from the side
of Heaven's activity.
The Kingship of God in action.

i. The Great Provision. (14-15)
"The Son of man ~ must ~ be lifted up"
cf. Luke. 24. 32.

Nicodemus et al's Squeeches ~ ~ ~

ii. The Great Reason. (16)
"For" → God so loved ~ ~ ~ ~.

iii. The Great Intention. 17.
"For" → God sent ~ ~.

B. The Saying of John. 35. 36.

The Great Announcement.

I. The Father & the Son.

i. "Love" ~ ~ cf. X. 17

ii. "Hath given all things" ~ ~ cf. Mat 21. 27.

II. The Son & Humanity.

i. "He that believeth." ~ ~
Life Eternal.

ii. "He that disbelieves" ~ ~
"Shall not see life"
"He shall go" ~ ~ ~.

Conclusion.

Thus Christianity is seen in

It cleanses the Nature.

It changes the Person.

It Conditions the Personality.