

said Nicodemus, "*we know that Thou art a teacher come from God : for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him.*" There is much to admire in Nicodemus. He evidently had far juster views of the Lord Jesus than many of his own nation. The Pharisees used to say of Christ : "*He casteth out devils by Beelzebub the chief of the devils.*" Others were heard to say : "*He deceiveth the people.*" But Nicodemus uttered no such blasphemy ; on the contrary, he thought the blessed Saviour was a true Prophet. He comes to Him and says : Rabbi, we know that Thou art a TEACHER COME FROM GOD. It was a great truth to know, even though he knew no more than this, for certainly Christ was a teacher and much more than a teacher ; He was what no prophet ever was—not even such men as Isaiah or Daniel—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Thousands in our day go as far as this, and here halt. Jews who reject Christ as their Redeemer, but yet in some sense consider Him a great Reformer ; sceptics who would subvert, if possible, half the Bible ; professing Christians, ignorant of the *life* that is in Christ—all may be heard to-day addressing the Lord Jesus in the exact words of Nicodemus : Rabbi, we know Thou art *a teacher*