# **Finding Easter**

In the journey of life, we are driven by various purposes we set out to achieve. For these 4 characters, they depict a potential mindset or season we may consciously or sub-consciously find ourselves in. Whilst it is important to have focus and direction, sometimes the pursuit because excessive and we find ourselves lost in the moment. The question is what truly drives us? What gets us up in the morning to face another day? What happens at the end the journey?

Today, we will look at a fifth character: Nicodemus. He appears three times in the book of John and he's not fictional. His name and identity are clearly recorded in history. From his personal interaction with Jesus, to his subtle defence, and his final declaration, Nicodemus shows a path we can take to finding Easter.

### **Profile of Nicodemus**

- Affluent, influential, and highly intellectual
- Possessed prominent social, financial, and religious status

#### First appearance

- Exit darkness
- John 3:1-19

#### **Second appearance**

- Approach the light
- John 7:40-52

## Third appearance

- Receive the Son!
- John 19:38-42

#### How do we know for sure?

- Mary at the empty tomb
- John 20:11-18