# DIVINE RESPONSES TO CONTRASTING REACTIONS

## JOHN 2:23-3:2

1. **THE RESPONSE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC: SUPERFICIAL BELIEF (2:23-25)**
   1. Many Came To Some Kind Of Faith In The Lord During That Passover Feast (2:23)
      1. They Had Come To The Conclusion That The Title Of Messiah Was Appropriately His
      2. They Responded To A Valid Basis Of Belief When They Responded To The Lord's Miracles
   2. The Lord, Nevertheless, Was Unresponsive To This General Ground Swell Of "Belief" (2:24-25)
      1. He Refused To Entrust Himself To Them Because He Knew The Bottom Line With Regard To Everything There Is To Know (2:24)
      2. He Didn't Need Anyone To Tell Him What Was Really In The Human Heart (2:25)
         1. He Knew That Men Will Not Believe What They Can't See (John 4:48)
         2. He Knew That Men Could See Something With Their Eyes And Still Not Really See It (John 6:15)
2. **THE RESPONSE OF NICODEMUS: EARNEST INQUIRY (3:1-2)**
   1. He Was A Pharisee And Member Of The Sanhedrin (3:1-2a)
   2. He Was Certain That Christ Was Divinely Commissioned (3:2b)
   3. He Was Concerned With Eternity, Not Temporal Revolution (3:4,9)