

John 3:1-16

Nicodemus Comes to Jesus

Who is Nicodemus? – V1

- A Pharisee
- A member of the Ruling Council
 - The Sanhedrin
- The spokesman for other Pharisees?

Who is Jesus? – V2

- A Rabbi
- A teacher
- Come from God
- Who performs signs
- God is with him
- 1:6 - There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Born Again – V3-10

- God cannot allow anyone into heaven unless they are born again
- Spiritual rebirth
 - One can be born once and die twice or born twice and die once
- Definition: Must be born of water and the Spirit

Born Again (cont.) – V3-10

- Ezekiel 36:25-27 - Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Born Again (cont.) – V3-10

- 1 John 2:1-2 - My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

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Born Again (cont.) – V3-10

- John 4:38-39 - He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive;
- Philippians 5:17 - Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

The Testimony of Jesus – V11-13

- We speak, we know, we have seen, our testimony
 - Speak – the gospel
 - Know – that Jesus is more than a rabbi
 - Seen – the signs that Jesus has performed to prove who he is
 - Testimony – what they have said regarding what they know and have seen
- Earthly vs. Heavenly Things
- The Son of Man

Salvation Comes – V14-15

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Salvation came to those who looked up to that which was lifted up
- John 12:32 - And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”
- Whoever believes
- Eph 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

God's Love – V16

- The “world” - all the people and cultures that are opposed to God
 - We are not to be of the world but in it (John 15:19)
 - The world cannot accept the Spirit of truth (John 14:17)
 - The devil is the ruler of this world (John 16:11)
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