

John 3: 1 - 15

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." **3** In reply Jesus declared, ***"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."*** **4** "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" **5** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. **6** ***Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*** **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone ***born of the Spirit.***" **9** "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. **10** "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? **11** I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except **the one who came from heaven--** the Son of Man. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

1. In verse 3 why does it say to be “born again”? Two kinds of birth.
2. What can we learn from verse 6?
3. What does it mean in verse 8 to be “born of the Spirit”?
4. What is verse 13 saying about who Jesus is?
5. Verse 14 is referring to Numbers 21:6-8; What do we learn from Jesus’ reference to this text?

6 Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."

6. For what reason were the people dying from God’s judgment?
7. Before someone looked at the snake what did they first need to have?
8. Did God give the people other options of ways they could be saved from the snakes?
9. Is it narrow minded to say that looking at the snake on the pole is the **only** way to live?
10. How is Jesus the same as the snake Moses lifted up in the desert?

John 3: 16 - 21

John 3:16 "For God so *loved* the world that he *gave* his one and only Son, that whoever *believes* in him shall not *perish* but have *eternal life*. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to *save* the world *through him*. **18** Whoever believes in him is *not condemned*, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **19** This is the verdict: *Light* has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20** Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **21** But whoever *lives by the truth comes into the light*, so that it may be seen plainly that *what he has done has been done through God*."

1. In verse 16 what motivated God to send Jesus Christ to man?
2. In verse 16 what does it mean that God "gave" his one and only Son? "Gave" for what?
3. In verse 16 what is the difference between "perishing" and "eternal life"?
4. In verse 16 what does it mean to "Believe"?
5. In verse 17 it says that Jesus came to "save" the world. From what?
6. In verse 17 how is the world saved "through Him"?
7. From what we learned in the past, in verse 18, why are those who believe **not** condemned?
8. In verse 19 why is Jesus referred to as "Light"? What does this imply about people who do not have light?