

John 3: An Encounter with Jesus

In John 3, Jesus is teaching on the new birth. Jesus meets Nicodemus and tells him of the necessity of being born again. In this chapter, we see Jesus in three (3) roles.

- ***Jesus the Teacher. (3:1-21)***
- ***Jesus the Bridegroom. (3:22-30)***
- ***Jesus the Witness. (3:31-36)***

Jesus the Teacher. (1-21)

V1. Who was Nicodemus?

V2. When did Nicodemus come to Jesus, and why did he desire to meet Jesus?

V3. What does it mean to be born again? And what is the requirement for going to heaven?

V4. Why was Nicodemus confused? Distinguish the physical from the spiritual birth.

V5. Physical birth requires two parents, and spiritual birth requires two parents. Can you name the two (2) parents required for spiritual birth. Hint: John 3:5, & James 1:18.

- What is the purpose of water baptism? Does water baptism save?
- Compare and contrast the physical birth and the spiritual birth.

V8. What's the connection between the wind and the Spirit of God?

V9. Why do you think Nicodemus was ignorant of Jesus' teaching?

V10. Why should Nicodemus have known about the new birth?

Vvs. 11-13. Why is the new birth both a necessity and a mystery?

V14. Describe the symbolism of Moses lifting up a serpent and Jesus being lifted? (Num. 21:9)

V15. Why is belief central to eternal life?

V16. Why is this verse the most important in the Bible?

V17. Why did God send Jesus into the world?

V18. Why is unbelief the only unforgivable sin?

V19-21. Why is the world condemned?

- What is the condemnation of the world?
- What is the purpose of light?

Jesus the Bridegroom. (22-30)

V22. Did Jesus baptize any persons? Hint John 4:1-2.

V25. What was the question concerning purifying? How did Jesus and John disciples differ?

Vvs. 26-28. How did John resolve the matter?

V29. Explain John's depiction of Jesus as the bridegroom and himself as the best man.

V30. Why was it important for John to decrease?

Jesus the Witness. (31-36)

Vvs. 31-32. What is a witness?

- Who is witnessing?
- What testimony is being given?

V34. What does God give to the one's He sends?

V35. What does it mean the Father has given the Son all things?

V36. Describe how believing or not believing determines eternal destiny.