

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Born Again"
John 3:1-10
Part-8

John 3:1-21 is one of the beloved encounters with Jesus. Next is **John 4**, The Woman At The Well.

Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50 – The start of the ministry of Jesus; starts with the witness of John the Baptist.

Theme Of John – "Jesus: God And Savior"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Salvation Requires A Second Birth From Above, Because We Are Powerless To Save Ourselves."

1. Verses 1-5 – The Necessity Of The New Birth

2. Verses 6-10 – The Nature Of The New Birth

1. Verses 1-5 – The Necessity Of The New Birth:

John 3:1

"Now" – or "And"; This is continuing from John 2 – Jesus has just cleansed the temple, followed by signs.

John 2:23-25

People were curious as to the signs that Jesus was doing; it was not trust in Jesus but it was an attraction to the miraculous.

"there was a man of the Pharisees," – Nicodemus was a Pharisee – The most religious of them all.

The term "Pharisee" means "the separated ones", John 3:10.

"named Nicodemus," – His name means, "victorious among his people."

"a ruler of the Jews;" – Nicodemus was a Jew – The Jews prized themselves on the fact that they were God's chosen people.

Nicodemus Was Respected – "a ruler of the Jews;" – That means he was a member of the Sanhedrin – 70-member ruling elders of Israel.

Pharisee – a picture of a moral and religious man without Christ!

John 3:2

“this man came to Jesus by night,” – Why would he come by night?

“and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher;’” – He calls Jesus Rabbi/Teacher, and says “we”, which means that others had this opinion.

“Rabbi” – This word used for a teacher means “Doctor, Professor.” This is not the title that Jesus is looking for.

John 2:23 – “observing His signs which He was doing.”

John 3:3

Jesus Sees Through Nicodemus’s Greeting As Empty. Nicodemus Needs Salvation – John 2:24-25.

“Truly, truly,” – “I tell you the truth!”; “I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see” – “to experience”; “the kingdom of God.” – Or the synonym is “Eternal Life, Salvation.”

2 Corinthians 13:5

“born again” – What does the term again mean? It means “from above, to be born from the beginning”; receiving help from above, Spiritual Birth! “The new birth or regeneration is the act of God by which He imparts eternal life to those who are dead in their trespasses and sins.”

Ephesians 2:1-5

John 1:12

John 3:4

Jews said of Gentiles that had converted to Judaism, “newborn Children.”
New sons of the covenant!

2 Corinthians 5:17

John 3:5

“Truly, truly,” – “This is a truth!”

Ephesians 2:8-9

Water Baptism Is A Sign Of Death Not Of Life: Romans 6.

Water Symbolizes The Word Of God: God's Spirit works in conjunction with the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

Ephesians 5:26

Titus 3:5

Conversion takes place when the Spirit works through the Word of God. As the Word goes forth, the Holy Spirit takes the Word and quickens it, making it alive. One is led by the gospel to repent and trust Jesus, then the Spirit works the miracle of regeneration!

2. Verses 6-10 – The Nature Of The New Birth:

John 3:6

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh" – Human nature in its weakness and sinfulness can only produce what it is like, more flesh!

1 Corinthians 6:17

John 8:24

John 3:7 – "must" – "necessity"; "be born again."

Verses 8-10 – Conversion Is Mysterious: John 3:8

"wind" – this word in Hebrew and Greek translates to "spirit", Acts 2:2.

"blows where it wishes" – Still today we cannot alter the direction of the wind.

"and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going;" – Wind is unseen but its effect is real.

John 3:9 – "How can these things be?" – "How can I experience this new birth?" or "How can this be so?"

Ezekiel 36:25-26

1 Corinthians 2:14

John 3:10

“Are you the teacher of Israel” – he was the leading teacher. It could read, “You are The Teacher of Israel.”

Jesus Gives A Gentle Rebuke: “and do not understand these things?” – The OT was clear about needing a new heart! Jeremiah 31:33

Ezekiel 11:19-20

Nicodemus did come to believe – John 7:50-51; 19:38-39.

Application:

1. Salvation Requires A Second Birth From Above, Because We Are Powerless To Save Ourselves. We Have Fallen Short – Romans 3:23.
2. Like Nicodemus, We Can Be Orthodox In Doctrine And Be Dedicated To Obeying The Law, Yet Be Unconverted And Spiritually Lost.
3. Have I Experienced The New Birth? John 3:3