

The Gospel According to John: The Word Became Flesh

Lesson 5: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus
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Review

- * As Jesus began his ministry, he performed signs & cleared the temple of moneychangers.
 - * In what ways does the world save “the worst for last” whereas God saves the “best for last”?
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Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

► Explore It

1. To what group did Nicodemus belong? (3:1)
2. At what time did Nicodemus visit Jesus? (3:2)
3. Why did Nicodemus believe Jesus was from God? (3:2)
4. What is a requirement for seeing the kingdom of God? (3:3)
5. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant by “born again”? (3:4)
- * 6. What is required to enter the kingdom of God? (3:5-6)
7. How did Jesus compare the wind to the Spirit? (3:8)
8. Why should Nicodemus have understood what Jesus said? (3:10)
9. How did Jesus compare Moses' snake with the Son of Man? (3:14)
- * 10. How important is believing in the Son of Man? (3:15, 18)
11. How did God demonstrate His love for the world? (3:16)
- * 12. Why did God send His Son into the world? (3:17)
13. How does the person who lives by truth respond to the light? (3:19-21)

► Get It

- * 14. How would you describe what it means to be born again to someone?
- 15. What caused you to believe that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 16. Why are spiritual truths often hard to understand?
- * 17. How does God's gift of His Son affect our lives?
- 18. How can a person live by the light?

► Apply It

19. How will you change your daily routine to better appreciate God's gift of His Son?
 - * 20. For what specific spiritual truths will you seek answers this week?
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Related Topics

- * Who were the Pharisees? Who was the Sanhedrin? Why were they opposed to Jesus during his ministry?
- * Why is baptism such a divisive subject among those who claim to be a part of Christianity?
- * Name some ways in which the serpent raised up by Moses was similar/different than Jesus on the cross.
- * John the Baptizer said the kingdom was near. Jesus talked a lot about its nature, told how to get into it, that it would come in the lifetime of some of his listeners, and gave Peter the keys to it. Paul told the Colossian Christians that they were in it with him. What is the kingdom & how does it relate to the church?

Note: Study guides for this series of lessons are available on the Internet at www.howellfamily.us/john.htm