
John 3:7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:8 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."

John 3:9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3:10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

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."

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The Religious Man: Nicodemus

Encounters with Jesus--part 2

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■ What is the root of every man's problems? ■

Proverbs 16:2 All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

■ What is "sin?" ■

Roman 3:23... since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Isaiah 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

■ *James 4:17 Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.* ■

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin"?

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

■ *1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.* ■

The Religious Man Encounters Jesus

What is the root answer to man's root problem?

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

John 3:2 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."

John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

What does "born again" mean?

John 3:4 "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!"

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

*Exodus 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."
³ "You shall have no other gods before me."*

Matthew 3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

John 1:33 "I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'"

John 3:6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
