

Digging Deeper: John 3:1–21

Day 1

Why do you suppose Nicodemus came to Jesus? What was he looking for? As a member of the Sanhedrin, he didn't want the other members of the Jewish ruling council to know he had come, so he came at night.

Day 2

Nicodemus called Jesus, "Rabbi," and he said, "We know you are a teacher who has come from God." He said the miracles Jesus was doing proved that God was with Jesus. But Jesus interrupts him with this amazing statement: "I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born again." What does it mean to be born again?

Day 3

The idea of being born again was shocking to Nicodemus. "How can someone be born when they are old? How can you enter your mother's womb a second time?" Jesus explains that flesh gives birth to flesh, and the second birth is the birth of the Spirit within us. Have you been born again? Is the Holy Spirit in you?

Day 4

Jesus says no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born again. When Jesus began His ministry, He proclaimed (Mark 1:15): "The time has come; the Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news." What is the Kingdom of God and where is it? See Romans 14:17 and Luke 17:20–21.

Day 5

Jesus speaks of Himself as the Son of Man. Why does He speak that way, instead of the Son of God? Read Daniel 7:13–14; Revelation 12:5; Matthew 20:17; and Luke 19:9.

Day 6

John 3:16 is the best known verse in the Bible. John gives us the gospel in one verse: "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." What does it mean to believe? John 3:17 is a verse of grace: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Day 7

If we believe in Jesus we are not condemned. But if we do not believe in the name of Jesus, we are condemned already. Why? (Genesis 3) Jesus is the light in the dark world (John 8:12). And in Him, we are light (Matthew 5:14). How are you letting your light shine?