

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 3: Jesus Continues to Reveal Himself

A Seeker Who Came by Night (1-21)

1. 1-8 Why does Nicodemus come to Jesus? _____
What does it mean to be "born again?" (3-7) _____
How is the blowing of the wind like being born of the Spirit? (8) _____
2. 9-13 Do you think that Nicodemus genuinely misunderstands what Jesus is saying, or is he deliberately closing his mind to something he doesn't want to accept? (9) _____

Which of the above two attitudes would give a person the most hope of arriving at truth? _____
Why? _____
3. 14-15 How does the incident of the serpent in the wilderness (Numbers 21: 4-9) point to Jesus? (See 19: 17-18) _____
What is the basis for healing in Numbers 21? _____
How does this principle apply to Jesus? (15) _____
4. 16-17 From whom does the initiative for salvation come? (16) _____
What motivates God to provide for man's salvation? (16) _____
How many people does God love? (16) _____
Does God love you? _____ Do you love God? _____
5. 18-21 What happens to those who reject God's loving offer of Eternal Life? (18) _____
How has an unbeliever already been judged? (18-19) _____
Who does the judging? (20-21) _____
6. **Think:** How important is it to take God's offer of Eternal Life seriously? _____
Why? _____
7. **Personal:** Which of the two possible attitudes of Nicodemus applies to you? (See Question 2) _____

The Humility of John (22-30)

1. 22-26 How is Jesus' baptizing more people, a test for John? (26) _____
Why was it necessary for John to be tested? _____
2. 27-30 In what four ways does John pass the test?
 1. v 27: _____
 2. v 28: _____
 3. v 29: _____
 4. v 30: _____

3. **Think:** Should we diligently do what God has appointed for us, or should we be jealous of those with greater talents? _____ Why? _____

4. **Personal:** Is it your intention to be a humble servant of God? _____

Supremacy of the Son (31-36)

1. 31-35 From whom do we obtain the most accurate information? (31) _____

 Who is the best person to give us the truth about heaven? (32) _____

 What is the meaning of verse 33? _____

 How has God put His seal of approval on Jesus? (34, 1:33) _____

 How much does God withhold from Jesus? (35) _____
 How much of God's truth is it possible to learn from Jesus? _____
2. 36 What is the eternal choice that all mankind must make? (36) _____

 If to "not obey" is the opposite of "to believe," what kind of faith does it take to obtain eternal life? (36) _____
3. **Think:** Why is it so important to make a personal decision regarding our eternal destiny?

4. **Personal:** What choice are you going to make? _____