

Are You Born Again?

Conversations With Jesus
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Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” John 3:1-3

1. Who was Nicodemus?

- A Pharisee, Member of the Jewish ruling council

2. Jesus reveals Nicodemus’ need.

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” John 3:3-4

3. Why is it important to be Born Again?

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

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

⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ John 3:5-7

Example:

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.” ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? John 3:8-12

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 26:25-27

4. How do we receive this new birth?

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up ¹⁵ that everyone who **believes** may have eternal life in him.” 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ Whoever **believes** in him is not condemned, but whoever does not **believe** stands condemned already because they have not **believed** in the name of God’s one and only Son. John 3:13-18

“Yet to all who received him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” John 1:12-13

Was Nicodemus was able to get past all of his education, preconceptions, traditions and questions to come to believe in Jesus? (John 7:50-52; 19:38-39)

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Every one of us needs to answer the question, “What I am I going to do about Jesus?”

Will I choose to believe in Him and surrender my life to him?

“If I live my life like there is a God, and find in the end that there isn’t, I have gained much and lost little. But if I live my life like there isn’t a God, and find out in the end that there is, I’ve gained little and lost everything.” Blaise Pascal