Slide 1: John 3:2-4

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Slide 5 John 3:16-18

Slide 6
Amazing Grace: I Cannot Earn It
John 3:1–18: Are You a Real Christian?

Big Idea: Salvation is received by grace, not earned through religion.

Slide 7: Who Was Nicodemus?
Pharisee: Jewish movement emphasizing Torah observance.
Member of the Jewish ruling council: John 3:1.
Sanhedrin: leading Jewish religious and judicial body.
First-century Jerusalem under Roman rule.

Religious achievement cannot produce spiritual life.

Slide 8: What Does "Born Again" Mean?
Greek: Anōthen (ἄνωθεν)
Meaning: "Again" or "From Above."
John 3:3: "Unless one is born again…"

You cannot achieve spiritual birth. You must receive new life from God.

Slide 9 Archaeology: Ritual Purification in Jerusalem
Mikveh (מִקְוֶה): Jewish ritual immersion bath. Plural: Mikva'ot.
Excavated near the southern approaches to the Temple Mount.
Second Temple period: purification before worship.
Ezekiel 36:25–27: Cleansing, a new heart, and God's Spirit.

Outward purification cannot replace inward transformation.

Slide 10:The Spirit Gives Life
Hebrew: Ruach (רוּחַ): Wind, Breath, Spirit.
Greek: Pneuma (πνεῦμα): Wind, Breath, Spirit.
Genesis 2:7: God breathes life into humanity.
Ezekiel 37:1–14: The breath/Spirit brings life to dry bones.
John 3:8: The wind and the Spirit.

Grace is God doing for us what we could never do for ourselves.

Slide 11: The Bronze Serpent: Numbers 21
Numbers 21:4–9: Israel's rebellion and God's provision.
Moses lifted up the bronze serpent.
2 Kings 18:4: Hezekiah later destroyed it.
Nehushtan: Name associated with the bronze serpent.
John 3:14–15: Jesus, the Son of Man, must be lifted up.

The cross accomplishes what human effort cannot.

Slide 12: The Gospel in John 3:16
God loved: The motivation for salvation.
God gave: The gift of His Son.
We believe: Faith in Jesus Christ.
We receive: Eternal life.

Salvation begins with God's love, not our achievement.

Slide 13: Three Responses to God's Grace
1. Admit your need: Religious achievement cannot save.
2. Come to Jesus personally: Faith requires a personal response.
3. Trust Jesus completely: His work is sufficient.

Slide 14 Nicodemus: From Nighttime to the Burial of Jesus
John 3:1–21: Nicodemus visits Jesus at night.
John 7:50–52: Questions an unfair judgment of Jesus.
John 19:38–42: Helps prepare Jesus' body for burial.
Myrrh and aloes: About 100 Roman pounds.
Approximately 33 kg / 75 modern pounds.

Knowing about Jesus must lead us to respond to Jesus.

Slide 15 I Cannot Earn It
Religion cannot save me.
My good works cannot save me.
My accomplishments cannot save me.
Jesus Christ is sufficient.
I cannot earn it, because Jesus has accomplished what I never could.