



GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 21
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS
"How Can These Things Be?" – Part 2
John 3:9-21

INTRODUCTION

I. THE MESSAGE OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 9-13

2. The ANSWER of Jesus - 10-13

- He expressed Concern over his failure to understand - 10
- He revealed the Cause of his failure – 11
- He emphasized the Contrast between the earthly and heavenly – 12
- He explained the Character of the gospel – 13

II. THE METHOD OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 14-15

1. The ILLUSTRATION God used - 14

"as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness"

Numbers 21:5-9; John 12:31; Genesis 3:14-15; Galatians 3:13

"bronze" – symbol of judgement of God

NUMBERS 21	COMMON CHARACTERISTICS	JOHN 3
	Death - a punishment for sin God provided the remedy Something must be lifted up in public view Believing hearts who look to what is lifted up, are healed	
NUMBERS 21	DIFFERENCES	JOHN 3
Physical Symbol		Spiritual Reality

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).
As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. The IMPERATIVE of Christ's death

"so must the Son of Man be lifted up"

3. The ISSUE involved - 15

"that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

III. THE MOTIVE OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 16

"For God so loved the world"

1. The PROOF of God's love

"He gave His only Son"

1 John 3:16; 4:9-10; Rom. 5:8

2. The PREREQUISITE to experiencing God's love

"that whoever believes in Him"

3. The PROMISE of God's love

"should not perish but have eternal life."

IV. THE MISSION OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH-17-21

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

1. His PURPOSE – v. 17

"not...to condemn...but ... saved"

2. His PROMISE - v. 18

"he who believes in Him is not condemned"

Romans 8:1

3. Our PROBLEM – v. 18

"He who does not believe is condemned already"

4. Our PRACTICE – v. 19

"Practicing evil vs. "does the truth"

*Sin keeps us from the Savior, but the Savior is the only
One who can take away our sin.*