

Born of Woman
Born of God
John 3:1-21

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

JOHN 3:1-2

Jesus came into the world for one primary reason—to give His life to purchase for us life everlasting.

PART 1: THE WOUND

The Material Worldview

The belief that everything that exists in the universe is physical matter.

The Spiritual Worldview

The belief that there is a reality that exists beyond the physical universe.

PART 1: THE WOUND

Verse 3: Blind to the Spirit

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

JOHN 3:3

Everyone born of woman is blind to God’s Kingdom, and only a second birth can fix this condition.

PART 1: THE WOUND

Verses 4-7: Renewed by the Spirit

Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”

JOHN 3:4-7

**We in our condition are
as helpless as a child in utero.**

PART 1: THE WOUND

Verse 8: Nature of the Spirit

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

JOHN 3:3

We can't pray or work ourselves out of our condition. There are no physical or spiritual solutions to the problem.

PART 2: THE WAY

**Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”
Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel
and yet you do not understand these things? Truly,
truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and
bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not
receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly
things and you do not believe, how can you believe
if I tell you heavenly things?”**

JOHN 3:9-12

PART 2: THE WAY

Verse 13: Who can save us?

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

JOHN 3:13

**We cannot reach the Kingdom of God.
The Kingdom of God must make the first move.**

PART 2: THE WAY

Verse 14-15: How can He save us?

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:14-15

The Son of Man must Himself be cast upon a cross and lifted up, so that anyone who sees and believes will have eternal life.

PART 2: THE WAY

Verse 16: Why will He save us?

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

God loves the world!

**He loves us so much He sent His son for us.
He loves us so much that any who believe in Him
will be born again into eternal life!**

PART 3: THE WARNING

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

JOHN 3:17

**Our actions matter deeply,
because you matter immensely.**

PART 3: THE WARNING

Verse 18: No Light

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

JOHN 3:18

**Salvation is not something achieved by us,
but achieved through the actions of
another, the Son of Man.**

PART 3: THE WARNING

Verse 19-20: No Salvation

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

JOHN 3:19-20

Jesus does not proclaim a tidy legal proceeding or a simple medical procedure, but introduction into new family.

PART 3: THE WARNING

Verse 21: No Excuse

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

JOHN 3:21

Jesus does not deliver an ambiguous message of moral relativity and divine mediocrity.

**None will be saved through the work
of a parent or spouse or friend.**

**Your blindness can be cured!
You may be born again through the Spirit!**

**Do you believe?
If so, pray!**

Challenge for Today

Be witnesses about Christ to those around you.

Forgive the unforgiveable.

Seek and do justice in your community.

**Commit yourself to the study of God's Word
and prayer.**