

John 3

Nicodemus – Epitaph: The Searching Scholar

He was a Pharisee that noticed Jesus signs. He wanted to talk to Jesus about His relationship with God.

Nicodemus wanted a debate

Jesus flipped the conversation – Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God

Question: What Bible passages are you familiar with about being born again?

Born Again? Physically? VERILY VERILY “The double AMEN! It is firm!”

BORN AGAIN! This rebirth is Spiritual!

Jesus asks him “Are you the teacher in Israel, and do not know these things?”

What is the foundation of being born again?

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD brought Ezekiel to the valley

The valley of DRY DEAD Bones

Can these bones live?

Prophecy to the bones – Prophecy, God’s message spoken to the people.

The bones came together, but there was no breath in them.

The command to breath on them v 14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live!

Ephesians 2:1-10

You He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins.

The Dead are followers of the Devil and the spirit of disobedience.

The dead act as if they are dead it is their nature.

Jesus Christ makes you alive by GRACE through FAITH

Jesus Christ removes you from the Kingdom of this world and places you into His heavenly Kingdom.

Colossians 1:13-14

SON OF MAN Hypostatic Union – Jesus is 100% God and 100 % Man

Daniel 7

V 9 – 10 Ancient of Days – The Throne and the court!

Beast Slayer V 11- 12 The beast is slain! By Coming King Jesus! Rev 19:19-20

Cloud Rider V 13 Who was He who slayed the beast – The SON OF MAN – Coming on the Clouds

King of Kings V 14 His everlasting Kingdom one which shall never be destroyed

The Serpent in the wilderness – another story of being born again.

Jesus mentions his being lifted up three times in this gospel!

Numbers 21

The people complained against God.

The Lord sent fiery serpents of death.

Either they were on fire, their bite felt like fire, or both.

They admitted they had sinned, and they pleaded to God for forgiveness.

God provides the bronze serpent on a pole.

LOOK and LIVE

II Kings 18:3-6

Godly King Hezekiah destroys idolatry in Judah!

He destroys the idol Nehustan, the bronze serpent in the wilderness that they were worshiping.

Your salvation is not found in a totem it is found by grace through faith in the savior!

You must TRUST in the LORD like Hezekiah and HOLD FAST to the LORD and not depart from Him.

You want eternal life you must believe in Jesus the Son of God!

What does that look like?

You must believe that Jesus is the Promised Son, the Loved Son, and the only Son of God!

He was sent to be the atoning sacrifice in our place.

He was lifted up on the cross for our sakes. The temple of His body was destroyed!

3 days later He, Himself literally physically rose from the dead.

The person who believes in this becomes born again, in other words He becomes alive to heavenly things. He becomes spirit filled and transferred from the kingdom of this world into the heavenly Kingdom of Jesus Christ that will last forever.

There are two types of people in this world:

Those who believe Jesus is the Christ and those who don't.

Nicodemus wanted a debate. Jesus was looking for a decision. Make a choice do you want to believe in Jesus and His Kingdom or do you want to chose to remain in the darkness of this world. The choice is yours.

Testimony of John part 2 John 3:23-36

John the Baptist Epitaph – He must increase but I must decrease

Setting John and Jesus are both in Judea baptizing people.

They chose this place because it had much water. Evidence for Baptism by immersion.

The point of Baptism is to show a life that has been changed. This is the natural thing that follows the life of a believer whose life has been changed by the power of God. It is the natural progression after being born again.

A dispute – John, you know Jesus is baptizing more people than you.

I Corinthians 3:6 Paul reaffirms that winning souls is not a competition it is a priority.

Salvation comes from heaven not from the works of man.

Titus 3:5-6 Salvation is not by works but by the Spirit

Jesus is the bride groom, I am just a groomsman! I am just privileged to hear the voice of the groom.

Ephesians 5:25-27 Christ is the groom of the Church.

He is preparing her for the special day when He will call His bride home.

Revelation 19:6-10 The marriage supper of the lamb.

The bride prepared for the groom. Pure and Holy for this special day.

Notice the angel who echoes the message of John the Baptist He must increase I must decrease.

HE MUST INCREASE, I MUST DECREASE!

The Christian life is about Jesus!

John the Baptist takes the stand in this gospel.

His testimony – Jesus is the Son of God the Father!

Two types of people

Believers in Jesus – Eternal Life

Unbelievers - the wrath of God!