

THE BOOK OF JOHN | WHEN RELIGION IS NOT ENOUGH | JOHN 3:1-21

Religion, good works, and a godly heritage can't give you the new life only God can create! In John 3:1–21, Jesus reminds us that we must be born again, trust in what He accomplished on the cross, and step out of darkness into His marvelous light.

MAIN POINTS, QUESTIONS OR THINGS THAT STUCK OUT TO YOU:

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FURTHER STUDY:

Cross References, Resources, etc.

1 John 1:5–9; Ephesians 5:8–14; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 1:4–9; Isaiah 53:4–6; Romans 3:23–24; Ephesians 2:8–9



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

GROUND RULES: Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

What is said within a group stays in the group. | Where is it written in the Bible?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Nicodemus had religious knowledge, status, and heritage. Why wasn't that enough?

What does it mean to be "born again" or "born from above"?

How does the account of the bronze serpent help explain Jesus' mission and the necessity of faith?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

What is the difference between trying to improve our behavior through human effort and experiencing the inward transformation God brings through His Spirit?

What does John 3:16–18 teach us about God's love, our inability to save ourselves, and the relationship between believing in Christ and receiving eternal life?

What could it look like to come into the light in our everyday lives, especially when God's Word exposes sin, pride, bitterness, or a carefully maintained religious image?

Read Ahead: John 3:22–36