

JESUS & THE RELIGIOUS MAN

John 3:1-17
Jesus & Nicodemus

QUESTIONS



1. Who does the Bible say Nicodemus was?

(A Pharisee was a very religious man. As a Jewish Pharisee, Nicodemus would read the Old Testament part of the Bible and try to do everything written in it. In today's language, he would go to church often, give his money to God, fast often, pray, keep the ten commandments and teach others how to learn and keep all of the rules in the Old Testament.)

2. Did Nicodemus believe that Jesus was sent by God?

If Nicodemus died that night, do you think he would go to Heaven, Yes or No ? _____

If "Yes" why do you think he would go to Heaven?

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3. Jesus told this very good and religious man who kept all of the rules of his Bible that unless he was _____ he would never (never ever) see the _____

In other words, Jesus told Nicodemus, that unless he was born again, he was going straight to _____ (Hint - it is a 4 letter word that begins with H_ _ _)

(Jesus is telling Nicodemus that it is right to try to keep the rules of the Bible and do good, but if we want God to be our Heavenly Father, and if we want to one day live with our Heavenly Father in his house in Heaven, then we need to become His child and be born into His family.)

4. Did Nicodemus understand how to be “born again”? _____ Do you understand what it means to be “born again”? If so, please explain.

5. According to verse 6, our human life or first birth came from _____. But the second birth, this life from Heaven, this spiritual birth called being born again comes from the _____.

How to Grow into a Mature and Beautiful Person as a Member of God’s Family

**Four (4) important things to do
if you want to be a happy, healthy and
growing child of God - Christian.**

1. LEARN THE BIBLE: Spend time every day learning what God says in the Bible and doing it. Just as a baby drinks its mother’s milk to grow, we are supposed to drink in (read and obey) God’s words as found in the Bible.

The Bible says: *..like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*
I Peter 2: 2-3 NASB

2. PRAY: Talk to God daily. Tell Him how you feel; ask God to help you get to know Him better. Ask God to bring good people into your life.

3. DEVELOP CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIPS: Start spending time with other Christians who love God and want to live good lives.

4. FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS: The more and the better you get to know Jesus, the more you are going to love him and want to live a life pleasing to him. Ask Jesus to help you get to know him better and better.

A very important Bible verse in I John 1: 9 says:
But if we confess our sins to him, he (God) ...(will) forgive us and ... cleanse us from every wrong.

Isn't it wonderful that God loves us and wants to forgive and cleanse us; that he wants us to become His children and be born into His family.

You may want to take this time to pray to God and:

Thank God for loving you

Thank God for letting Jesus die in your place and take the punishment for your sins.

Ask God to forgive you....

Ask God to fix your life, and help you become the kind of person that He wants you to be.....

Feel free to write down your prayer to God.

Read John chapter 1, verses 12 - 13. What do those verses say we have to do to become “children of God”?

6. In verse 8, Jesus is saying, just like we can hear the _____, but we don't really understand where it comes from and where it goes, so we can't explain just how people are _____.

(The wind and air are a very real and important part of our lives even though we can not see or touch it. In the same way our spirit, our will, feelings, thinking and the part of us that talks to God is very real and extremely important, even though we can not see that part of our lives, touch or taste it. That part of us needs to come alive and be born into God's family.)

7. Where did Jesus come from and where was he going to return to? _____

(Since Jesus was the only one on earth who had come from Heaven and was going back to Heaven, he could tell Nicodemus how to get to Heaven, how to be born into God's family so he could see the Kingdom of God and spend eternity in Heaven with Jesus.)

8. Jesus said, “*I the Son of Man, must be lifted up on a pole*”. When did that happen? When was Jesus lifted up off of the ground on a pole or piece of wood?

In verse 15 Jesus says that, “*everyone who believes in me (Jesus) will have _____*.”

9. In this story, God had just freed the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, and He was leading them through the wilderness (a desert area) to a special land that he was going to give them. On the journey, what did the people do that was wrong - vs. 5? _____

How did God punish or discipline them to get their attention - vs. 6? _____

In verse 7, did the people admit that they had sinned and want forgiveness? _____

So, in verses 8-9, what did God tell Moses to make? _____

And what did the people have to do if they were bitten by a snake and wanted to live? _____

10. In the Old Testament story, the Jewish people sinned against God and later were sorry and confessed their sin and obeyed God by looking at the brass snake on a pole so they could be made well.

In verse 16, it says that: God loved us so much that he gave his _____ so that if we _____ we will not _____ but have _____.

11. According to I Peter 2:24 Jesus bore or took our _____ on himself so that we might die to _____ and live to _____.
(Live to righteousness means that we might be able to live in a right way: love one another, not lose our temper, not steal, be a good friend, etc.)

12. According to II Corinthians 5: 21 God made Jesus, who knew no _____ to become or be _____ for us, so that we might become the _____ of God.

In this story, Jesus is telling this very good and religious man that he was not going to be made righteous (right in God’s sight) by just keeping some good rules. Jesus was telling him that if he wanted to see the kingdom of Heaven (go to Heaven), that he had to be born _____.

And then Jesus said, that He, Jesus, was going to have to be lifted up and die on a cross and take the punishment for our _____ so we could be forgiven and made right in God’s sight.