

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Chapter 3

Who was "Nicodemus" (John 3:1)?

What is meant by Nicodemus being "a man of the Pharisees" (John 3:1)?

What is meant by Nicodemus being "a ruler of the Jews" (John 3:1)?

Didn't the Romans rule Israel at this time? And wasn't there also a king named Herod? What did Nicodemus mean by "we" in John 3:2?

Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus "by night" (John 3:2)?

How would you characterize Nicodemus' opening words to Jesus?

Are Nicodemus' opening words correct?

How might Nicodemus have expected Jesus to reply?

Does Jesus live up to his expectations?

How can Jesus' reply to Nicodemus be paraphrased?

What does it mean to be "born again"?

What do you think of Nicodemus' reply?

What is Jesus saying in John 3:5-8?

Why is "Spirit" (John 3:5) capitalized?

Is the "Spirit" then a different God?

But is the Holy Spirit someone who can be said to have a 'personhood'?

Can the "Spirit" be seen?

What is the "water" of which John 3:5 says one also needs to be born to enter the kingdom of God?

What is this "living water"?

Is there a more direct equation between "water" and the "word" in the Bible?

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Who does “We” in John 3:11 include?

Who else is Jesus addressing?

Why does Jesus say “No one has gone up to heaven” in John 3:13?

Is Jesus then telling Nicodemus that He is God?

What “snake” is Jesus referring to in John 3:14?

Why did God tell him to make it?

What did he do with it after he made it?

What he made is an image of whom?

Where is “Judea” (John 3:22)?

Which John was baptizing?

Where are “Aenon” and “Salim” (John 3:23)?

What may the Jews have been trying to do John in 3:26?

How does John respond in John 3:27-28?

Who does John say in John 3:27 is in control?

What is John saying about the “bride,” “bridegroom,” and his “friend” in John 3:29-30?

Do all churches and Christian leaders today adhere to John 3:30?

What is John the Baptist doing in John 3:31?

What is the source of Jesus’ “testimony” (John 3:32)?

Who received Jesus’ testimony and “set his seal that God is true” (John 3:33)?

Why does John say “no one” receives (John 3:32) Jesus’ testimony?

What is meant by God giving the Spirit “without measure” (John 3:34)?