

Jesus is the Giver of Life Bible Study



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Read John 3:1-17
Who was this Nicodemus? Let's find out where he was coming from in all this.
What type of person would you say he was?
Read John 3:2
Why visit Jesus at night?
Are you guilty of only visiting Jesus at night?
In what way?
Read John 3:3
Doesn't Jesus response seem a little strange in response to Nicodemus' statement? Why do think Jesus said this? <i>Read John 2:23-25 to see human nature of Jesus</i> .

Now we have an idea of the type of person Nicodemus was.
What is something that you need to have faith or belief in something from a perspective like Nicodemus?
Read John 3:10-15
Let's look at <i>Numbers 21:8-9</i> to see how God gave the Israelites belief that God could heal them.
Do you see a connection between the bronze snake and Jesus? What is it?
This is also illustrated in <i>John 6:40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."</i>
Going back to John 3, why did Jesus use this illustration with Nicodemus?
Jesus is the giver of life through faith.
What is eternal life?

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Read John 3:5
How can eternal life be obtained?
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What does this mean?
How do you comprehend the whole spiritual rebirth concept?
Read John 3:16
Read Romans 5:6-8 "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will someone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
What does John 3:16 mean to you?

Jesus is the Giver of Life Answer Key

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Read John 3:1-17

Who was this Nicodemus? Let's find out where he was coming from in all this.

Pharisee, member of the Jewish ruling council

What type of person would you say he was?

As a Pharisee he was likely legalistic, antagonistic, "enlightened", better than the rest, protective of his stature in society, proud, understood physical not spiritual, more outward than inward.

As a man he was attracted by Jesus character, the miracles he performed; he really wanted to learn.

Read John 3:2

Why visit Jesus at night?

Afraid of being discovered and exposed as a follower of Jesus.

How many of us are guilty of only visiting Jesus at night?

Read John 3:3

Doesn't Jesus response seem a little strange in response to Nicodemus' statement? Why do think Jesus said this? *Read John 2:23-25 to see human nature of Jesus*

Jesus knew exactly what was on Nicodemus' mind. He cut right to the chase- here's what it takes to see the kingdom of God; you've got to be born again. Jesus probably also knew that because of his pride Nicodemus could not say, "I don't understand what you are teaching".

Now we have an idea of the type of person Nicodemus was.

What is something that you need to have faith or belief in something from a perspective like Nicodemus?

Seeing

Read John 3:10-15

Let's look at *Numbers 21:8-9* to see how God gave the Israelites belief that God could heal them.

Do you see a connection between the bronze snake and Jesus?

The snake did not heal the Israelites but obedience to God healed them. Similarly, when we look to Jesus on the cross and believe he will save us he will. God has provided us with a way to be healed of the deadly bite of sin.

This is also illustrated in *John 6:40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."*

Going back to John 3, why did Jesus use this illustration with Nicodemus?

Nicodemus could relate to it because he had probably read that story before.

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What is eternal life?

Living in the kingdom of God for the rest of eternity.

Read John 3:5

How can eternal life be obtained?

By being born of water and Spirit

What does this mean?

Nicodemus would understand because of the promise in Ezekiel 36:25, 26, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

As in Titus 3:5 "he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,"

How do you comprehend the whole spiritual rebirth concept?

Jesus is the giver of life, eternal life, through cleansing and spiritual rebirth!

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What does John 3:16 mean to you?

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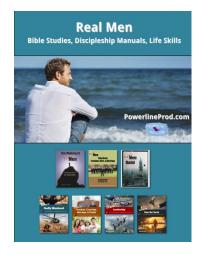
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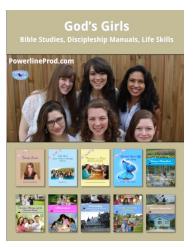
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