

Read Text  
John 3:1-21



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BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT

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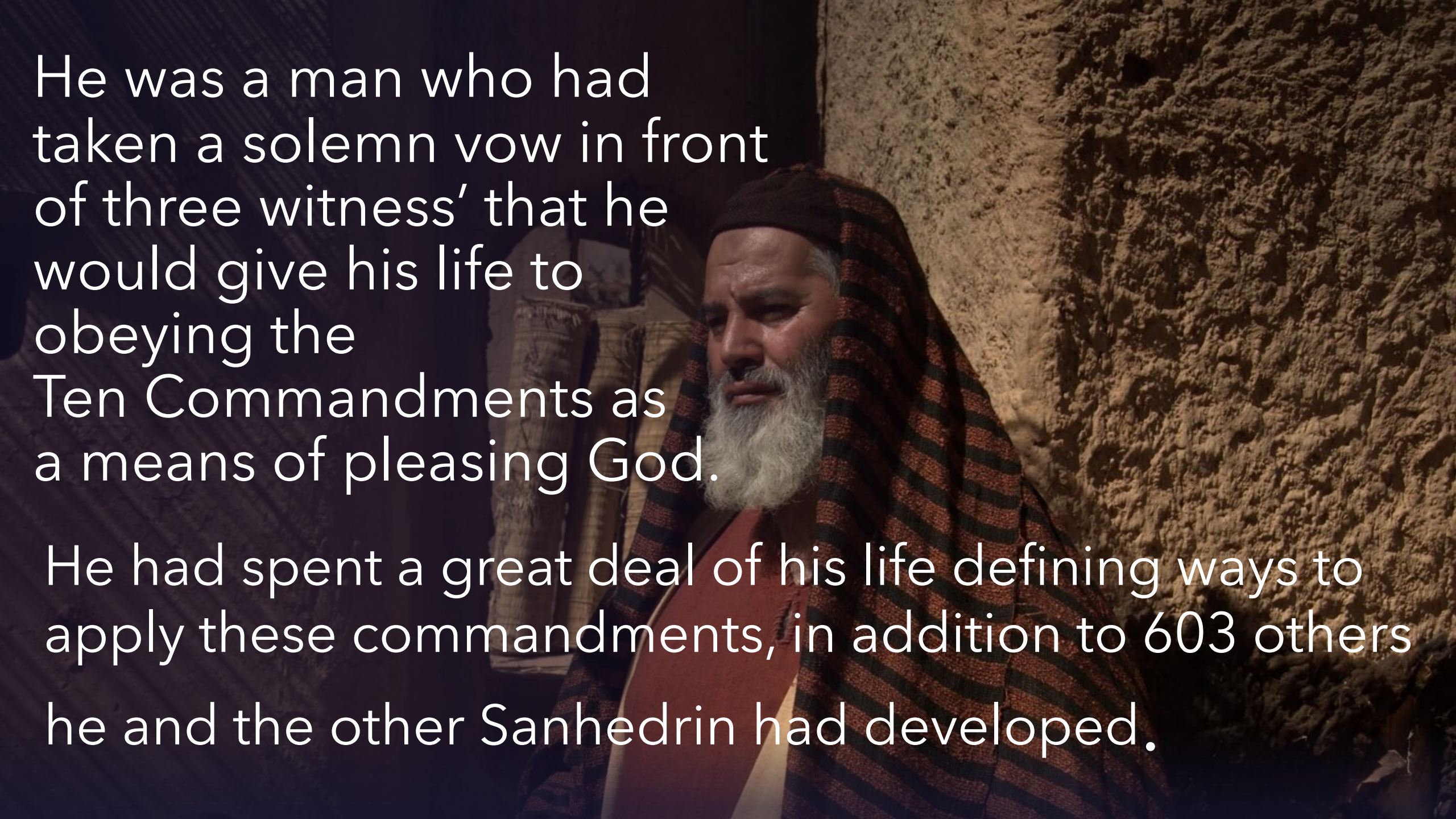
Read again vs 1-2  
Who was this man? (a Pharisee )

He was the head of the  
Sanhedrin.

of the ruling class, a body of  
about seventy-two men.

Nicodemus would or could be  
compared to being the head  
justice, within the Supreme Court.



A man with a long white beard and a striped head covering, looking down, against a textured wall. The man is wearing a red garment under the striped head covering. The background is a rough, textured wall, possibly made of mud or stone. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights.

He was a man who had taken a solemn vow in front of three witness' that he would give his life to obeying the Ten Commandments as a means of pleasing God.

He had spent a great deal of his life defining ways to apply these commandments, in addition to 603 others he and the other Sanhedrin had developed.



- Nicodemus because he was a Pharisee
1. He Believed in the Bible
  2. Stood for Scriptures, as a matter of fact he had memorized the Pentateuch (first 5 books).
  3. He attended Synagogue (church)
  4. He tithed, gave 10 % of his income to church.
  5. He fasted twice a week.
  6. He prayed.
  7. He believed in the one true God God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

# Read and review vs 2:b



Nicodemus said,  
“(we) believe in you (Jesus)”

He said, (we) believe you are the one you say you are;

(We) believe you are (a) teacher come from God. For no one can do these signs that you do. (Unless God is with him).  
Who is the WE!



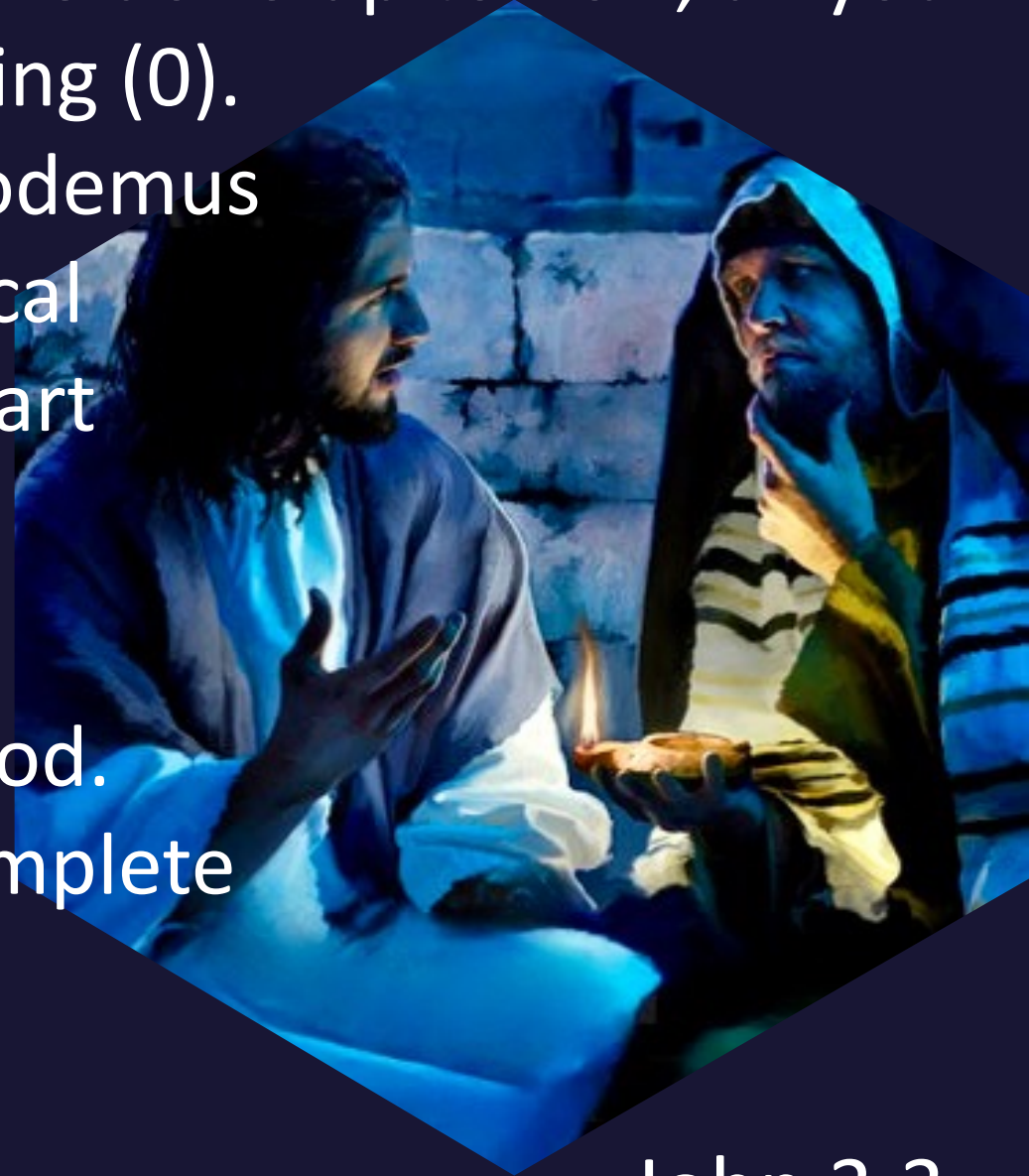
Read John 3: 2:a  
Nicodemus came by  
night. He was blind to  
the truth of Jesus.  
Go back read and  
review John 2:23-25  
Jesus knew what was in  
Nicodemus heart.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 **He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.**

Jesus answered and said, All that you have done up to now, all your efforts and studies, etc. total up to nothing (0). Jesus continues and cuts straight to Nicodemus major need, not some abstract theological conversation but to the matter of his heart (his spiritual condition).

Truth-When you are saved,  
The responsibility is not on you it's on God.  
The responsibility you have is to give complete control to God.

There is but one thing you must do,  
You must be born again.



John 3:3

John 3:4

Jesus knew what Nicodemus believed. Nicodemus believed that all Jews being God's chosen people would see the Kingdom of God at the end of the age.

Jesus says that's not possible to SEE unless one is born again. Nicodemus response



John 3:5-6

Jesus red letter words.

Most assuredly, some translations say,

“verily verily”

Jesus is saying, ( Listen closely,  
this is New)



At this point, let's look at Jesus most famous of all sermons or lessons.

The sermon on the mount where he “BOOK-ENDS” several points of the Law adding “You have heard it said.”

Matthew 5:20 points out you must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees in order to enter the kingdom of God.

1. Do not murder- but I tell you don't call your brother a fool & don't be angry in your heart.
2. Do not commit adultery-but I tell you if you look with lust, you have committed this in your heart.
3. Love your neighbor- I tell you love to your enemy.



Making sure these points of the  
Law are not missed.

Book ended in Matthew 5:48

Jesus says,



“you shall be perfect, just as your  
Father in heaven is perfect”.

Obviously, no one listening, would think it was possible to go beyond the commitment of the highest of the high-elect in the Jewish ruling religious circle.  
The Sanhedrin-Pharisees



Returning to our text Read John 3:3

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."


3:4 Nicodemus struggling to make worldly sense in stead of spiritual sense of Jesus.

Jesus responds again in spiritual terminology.  
Read 3:5-8



Read John 3:9 Again Nicodemus struggles

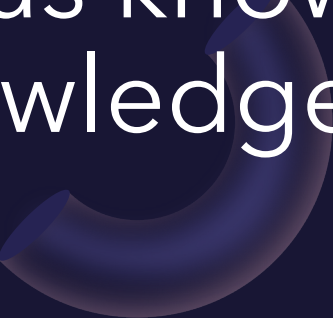
Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.





Read John 3:10

Jesus asks, "this is the best you've got", from the  
TOP TEACHER OF ISRAEL AN EXPERT IN THE  
OLD TESTAMENT.



Jesus knowing Nicodemus to be  
knowledgeable of the Old Testament.

Jesus says In John 3:11

We speak Gods Word through prophets  
of old by Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
speak of what is known,  
testify of what is seen and yet you do not  
receive our testimony.

Read Numbers 21:6-9  
Bronze serpent lifted up.  
Those stricken (dead in  
sins) looked up and  
healed.

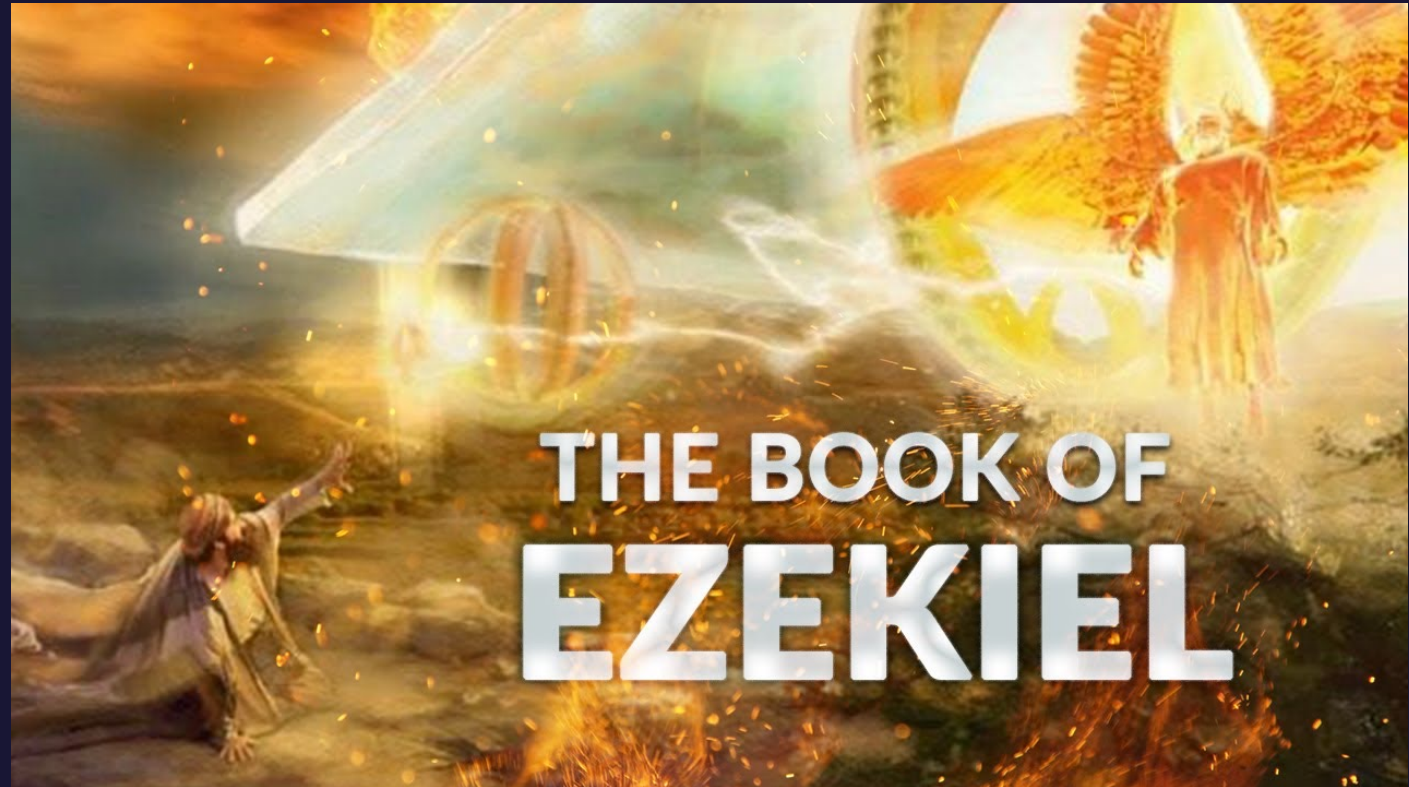




Read John 3:13-15  
Jesus identifies  
himself plainly.  
Look to Christ and  
His finished work up  
on the cross and be  
healed.

# Being an expert in the OT. Nicodemus was also very familiar with Read Ezekiel 36:24-27

**24** For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. **25** Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*



Read John 3: 16-18

Probably the most famous scripture within Scriptures.  
This one scripture tells us more about God's plan for our world than any other verse in the Bible.

God demonstrates His profound love for lost mankind by supplying His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for the debt of sin; that by His sacrifice all who believe are saved.

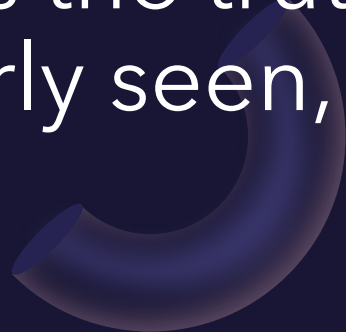
You must be born again.





Read John 3:19-21

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.



You maybe wondering why I spent so much time talking about Nicodemus.

1. He shows up only three times in the Bible.  
John 3:1,4,9
2. John 7:40-52 He asks the Sanhedrin, doesn't a man deserve a trial before judgement.

John 19:38-42

John says, "Joseph shows more courage than the Lord's closest disciples when he asked for Jesus body from Pilate to give a decent burial. This tomb Joseph had prepared for himself.

No one knows where this tomb was located although many believe the site of the traditional church of the holy sepulcher might be correct.




Matthews Gospel 27:57  
tells us that Joseph was "a  
secret disciple of Jesus"



## Marks Gospel 15:43


tells us that Joseph of Arimathea was a prominent member of the Sanhedrin, the religious council that had condemned Jesus to death; although he did not agree with their decisions.





Luke 23:51

Luke's tell us that he was a good and just Jew who dissented from the council's decision about Jesus and looked forward to a coming messiah.



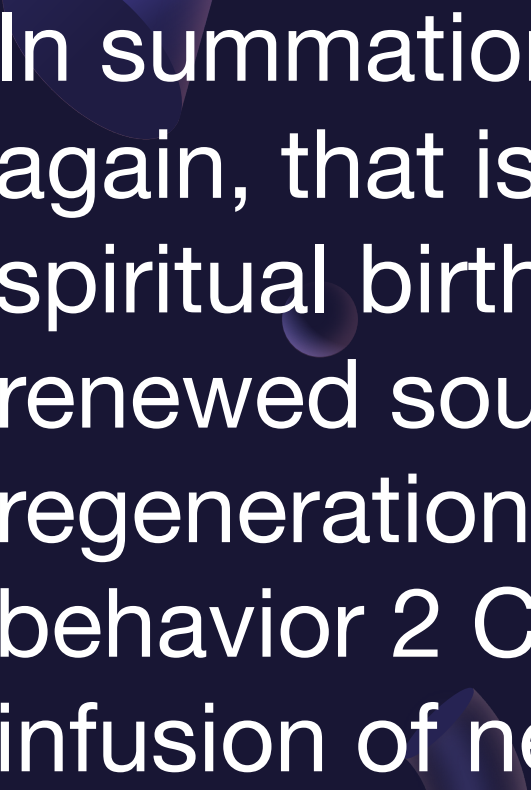
I believe that the (We) in our slide #5 is Joseph of Arimathea a wealthy man.

Matthew tells us, for two men of prominence and power to come together in burying a crucified man meant this “criminal” had dramatically changed their lives.

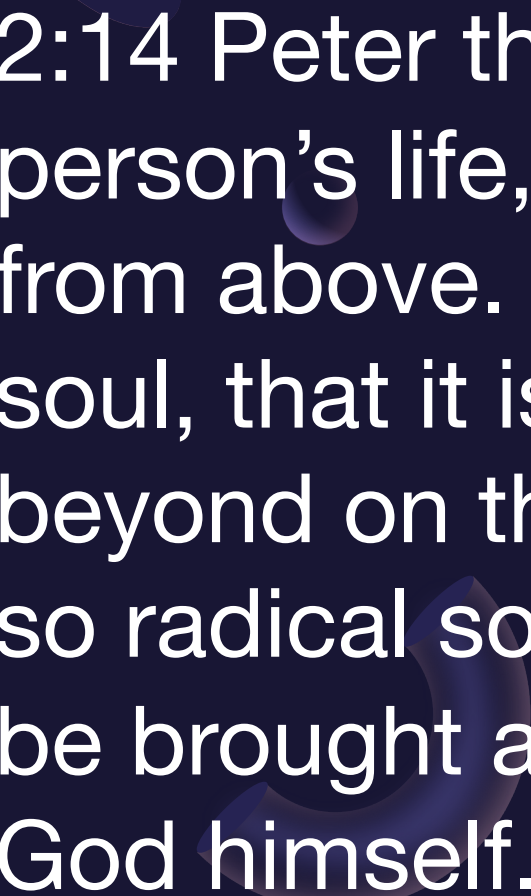
We are all born going the wrong way.

There is No Salvation without New Birth.


When did God change the polarity of Your Heart?




In summation, John, 3:1-15 the new birth or born again, that is the new creation or regeneration a spiritual birth a rebirth of one spirit, a new life, a renewed soul, a regenerated spirit. It is the regeneration and the renewal of one's spirit and behavior 2 Corinthians 5:7 It is the provision or the infusion of new life of a godly nature.




2:14 Peter the new birth is so radical change in a person's life, they can be described only as being born from above. Something so wonderful happens to the soul, that it is just like a new birth. It is a spiritual birth, beyond on the grasp of man's hands and efforts; it is so radical so life-changing, and so wonderful that it can be brought about only by the love and the power of God himself.




The new birth is a necessity for every person will never see John 3:3 nor ever even enter John 3:5 the kingdom of God, and unless we are born from above John3:7. The new birth is a spiritual birth, the birth of a new power and spirit in life. It's not reformation of the old nature Romans 6:6 it is the actual creation of new birth within- spiritually John 3:5-6 and John 1:12-13 and 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ep 2:10; 4:10



1. A person is spiritually born again by water and spirit.
2. By the choice that is the (Will) of God Js 1:18
3. By imperishable or corrupt incorruptible seed (even by the Word of God) 1 Pe. 1:23
4. By God from above 1 Pe. 1:3 . The word (again) Ana in the phrase born-again also means from above. Jn 1:12-13



5. By Christ, who gives both the power and the right to be born again, Jn 1:12-13



The NEW BIRTH is a definite experience. A real experience, a person experiences the new birth By believing that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God 1 Jn 5:1 and Jn. 3:14-15.

