

Chapter 3 - Study Questions

Are you really good at something? Whether it's a sport, a field of study, a profession or a hobby, most people have that one thing in which they truly excel. On this third stage of our journey we are going to meet a person such as this. His name was Nicodemus and he excelled in understanding the Old Testament and God's regulations that were written in it. Although Nicodemus knew a lot about the Bible, he struggled to figure out who Jesus was.

1. Do you think Nicodemus was right in seeing Jesus' miracles as an indication that Jesus was sent from God? (3:2)
2. "Unless a person is born from _____, he cannot _____ the kingdom of God." How did Nicodemus properly understand what Jesus was saying? (3:3-4)
3. What are the 2 births described? (3:6)
4. Which one of these two births is required so that a person can have fellowship with God in his kingdom? (3:5)
5. Although Jesus' words may have been new to Nicodemus, Jesus tells Nicodemus that he and his disciples "speak about what we _____ and testify about what we have _____." (3:11)
6. Jesus is the only one that has _____ from Heaven. Does this make his teaching trustworthy? (3:13)
7. When Jesus says that he will be "lifted up" (death on the cross) , what will his death accomplish for those who believe in him? (3:14-15)
8. Has God expressed love or condemnation to the world? (3:16)

9. What did God do as an act of love toward the world? (3:16)

10. For those who believe in the one whom God has sent, what will NOT happen to them? (3:16, 18) What WILL they have? (3:16)

11. Jesus is portrayed as the light that comes into the world. While some people choose to stay in darkness, what do others go towards? (3:19-21).

12. Why do people still choose darkness rather than light? (3:20)