

ENCOUNTERING JESUS



John 20:31

*But these are written
that you may
BELIEVE that Jesus is
the Messiah, the Son of
God, and that by
believing you may have
LIFE in his name.*



John 3:1-2

*¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could **PERFORM THE SIGNS** you are doing if God were not with him.”*



John 21:35

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.



Mark 3:8

*When they heard about
all he was doing, many
people came to him from
Judea, Jerusalem,
Idumea, and the regions
across the Jordan and
around Tyre and Sidon.*





Who is Nicodemus?

Pharisee

Sanhedrin

Seniority

“Israel’s Teacher”





John 3:3

*Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **BORN AGAIN.**”*



John 3:4-8

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

*5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of **WATER AND the SPIRIT.***



John 3:4-8

*⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'
⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*



Water and the Spirit

Baptism?

2 Births?

One Spiritual Birth

(Ezekiel 36)



Ezekiel 36:25-26

*²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.*



John 3:9-10

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”



We need to stop, and let ourselves feel the plight that Jesus said Nicodemus was in. He said Nicodemus was in a room where all the door handles were too high for him to reach. And then he said, "Come out. You must come out if you want to enter into the kingdom of God."

-John Piper



John 3:14-15

*¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up
the snake in the
wilderness, so the Son of
Man must be **LIFTED
UP**, ¹⁵ that everyone
who **BELIEVES** may
have eternal life in him.”*



You think I've come
to teach you, but I've
come to save you!





Matthew 5:20

*For I tell you that unless
your righteousness
SURPASSES that of
the Pharisees and the
teachers of the law, you
will certainly not enter
the kingdom of heaven.*



Matthew 5:48

*Be perfect, therefore,
as your heavenly
Father is perfect.*





**Who is Jesus to
you?**



John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life.

