

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN  
(How must I be changed?)

John 3:1-15

Key verse 3

*“In reply Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’”*

1. Read verse 1. Who was Nicodemus and in what sense was he a successful man? Read verse 2. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus, and why did he come at night? (Ecc 1:18; 5:10) What did he believe about Jesus? What was the basis of his belief?
2. Read verse 3. According to Jesus’ answer, what did Nicodemus need? To Jesus, is faith based on miracles enough? (2:23-24) How did Jesus know all this about Nicodemus? (3; 2:25) what was his real problem? What does Nicodemus’ answer reveal about his inner life and way of thinking? (4)
3. Look at Jesus’ explanation of the new birth (5-8). What does it mean to be born again? (6; 1Co 2:14; Jn 1:12-13) What does this reveal about the nature of the kingdom of God? What are the evidences of being born again?
4. Read verses 9-13. Why is Jesus uniquely qualified to tell about heavenly things? How should Nicodemus respond to Jesus’ words?
5. Read verses 14-15 and Numbers 21:4-9. What does this story teach about faith? What is the connection between Jesus and the bronze snake? What do you learn from this conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus about the kind of change Jesus wants to bring, and how to receive it?