

Lesson 6

THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP

John 3:1-15

Key Verse: 14,15

1. What details are we given about a man who visited Jesus (1)? What did he know about Jesus (2)? Why do you think he came to Jesus, and at night?
2. How did Jesus respond to Nicodemus (3)? Why do you think Jesus said this to him? Why is it important to “see the kingdom of God”? What does “born again” (or “born from above”) mean (1:12; 1Pe 1:23)? How did Nicodemus interpret Jesus’ words (4)?
3. How did Jesus reply, and what do you think “born of water and the Spirit” means (5; Ezk 36:25-27)? Why is it necessary for all people to be born of the Spirit (6-7; Ro 8:9)? Like the wind, what effect does the Spirit have on everyone who is born again (7-8; Ro 8:16; 1Jn 3:9)?
4. What second question did Nicodemus ask Jesus (9; 4)? How did Jesus challenge him (10-12)? What do you think was Nicodemus’ hindrance to believing?
5. Why was Jesus alone qualified to speak of heaven (13)? How does Jesus refer to himself here? Why did Moses lift up a snake in the wilderness, and why must the Son of Man be lifted up (14-15; Nu 21:8,9)?
6. How is being born again related to believing in Jesus (1Jn 5:1)? How can we know that we have been born again? (Ro 8:15; 10:9-10; 1Co 12:3)