

Pastor PJ Berner • Compass Bible Church • Sept 28 & Oct 1, 2021 • John 3:1-21

**HEAR JESUS**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read **John 3:1-2**. What stands out to you about these verses, and why?
2. Why might Nicodemus have come to Jesus at night?
3. What drew Nicodemus to Jesus? Do you believe the interest of Nicodemus was genuine or not? What leads you to that conclusion?
4. Jesus wasn’t a Rabbi the Jewish leaders recognized, so what might have led Nicodemus to address Him that way?
5. Read **John 3:3-4**. Consult the entry from blueletterbible.org on the word “again” at this link (<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G509&t=ESV>). What are the possible meanings of this word, and which one does it seem that Nicodemus defaults to? Which was Jesus implying?
6. Read **John 3:5-8**; **Ezekiel 36:25-27**; **Ephesians 5:26**; **Titus 3:5**. What did Jesus mean by being born of water and the Spirit?
7. Read **John 3:11**. Who is the “we” Jesus speaks of in this verse? What leads you to that conclusion?
8. Read **John 3:14-15**. Some argue for a double-meaning from John here–that “lifted up” refers both to the crucifixion and the ascension. Do you agree with this assessment? Why or why not?
9. Read **John 3:16-17**. What word is repeated four times in these two verses? Does this word carry the same meaning in each occurrence? Explain the reason for your answer.
10. Read John 3:18-21. Explain in your own words what it means to do “what is true.” What is the relationship in these verses between belief and works?