

# John 3 - Jesus Christ the Savior

## John 3:1-3 (NKJV)

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- ✓ Right from the very beginning of this conversation we see a stark contrast between the mentality of God and man.

Nicodemus begins by stating his belief about Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_,

Jesus launches directly into His concern for Nicodemus' \_\_\_\_\_.

## John 3:4-8 (NKJV)

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

<sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

<sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

<sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- ✓ Nicodemus, never having learned to interact with the things eternal reacts to Jesus’ statement about the kingdom of God by inquiring about the

\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ claim.

- ✓ Jesus responds, by elevating the conversation.

He declares a difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## John 3:9 (NKJV)

Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

- ✓ Nicodemus’ response here, while still a question is different from his first query, where he projected doubt as to the plausibility.

We now see a much more sincere \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be instructed.

### John 3:10-13 (NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

<sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven."

- ✓ Nicodemus, a teacher of the Law, still lacks spiritual understanding.  
He is approaching heavenly things from an \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Jesus declares Himself to be the \_\_\_\_\_ between God and Man.

### John 3:14-17 (NKJV)

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

- ✓ Jesus now reveals the intention of the Mind of God,  
that it is His very \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ in the natural world, to save that world.
- ✓ He describes in \_\_\_\_\_ how He will do this.  
What is the means for this? What does this point to? \_\_\_\_\_.

### John 3:18-19, 21 (NKJV)

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

<sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil...

<sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

- ✓ Jesus declares it is not the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ which condemns us,  
but rather the lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Savior which condemns us.
- ✓ Salvation isn't just for fixing the deeds of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
It also replaces those acts with ones \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God.