

## BIBLE LESSONS ON JOHN

### JOHN 3

John Two ended by emphasizing that Jesus knows what is in man and that transitions into Chapter Three where Nicodemus, a religious leader of the Jews, comes by night to Jesus.

#### **Read John 3:1-8**

In verse three, what did Jesus tell Nicodemus must happen in order for a person to see the kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_.

Nicodemus is thinking “physical” rebirth, but Jesus explains that He is talking about “spiritual” rebirth. In verse five, Jesus says one must be “born of water and the Spirit.” In verse six, He goes on to explain that “born of water” corresponds to being “born of the flesh”. The breaking of a woman’s water relates to physical birth. Jesus is saying that in order to see the kingdom of God one must not only be born “physically”, but one must also be born again “spiritually” of the Spirit.

#### **Read John 3:9-18**

Nicodemus still does not understand how this can be, so Jesus further explains how this happens.

Who is it, according to verses 15 and 16, that will not perish?

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According to verse 17, why did God send His Son into the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who does verse 18 says is condemned and who is not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Verse 18 says that the reason people are condemned is because they have “not believed in the **name** of the only begotten Son of God.” The NAME of Jesus is His PERSON. It refers to Who He is. To believe in His Name is to believe in Him for WHO He is as God. Son of God means that Jesus is of the very nature of God. Jesus goes by the title Son of Man as well as Son of God. Son of Man means that He is of the order of man. Son of God means that He is of the order of God. Jesus is the God-Man. He is both God and Man in one person.

**Read John 3:19-21**

Everyone must make a choice regarding the truth of Jesus Christ. Those rejecting the light of Christ continue to practice the evil deeds of darkness.

**Read John 3:22-36**

This section gives further testimony from John the Baptist concerning the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What did John the Baptist mean in verse 30 when he said of Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease."? \_\_\_\_\_

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The One Whom God sent speaks what, according to verse 34? \_\_\_\_\_

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According to verse 36, he who believes in the Son has what? \_\_\_\_\_

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What happens to those who do not believe the Son, according to verse 36? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Key Lessons from John Three**

1. One must be born again to see the kingdom of God.
2. Being born again is a spiritual birth brought about by the Holy Spirit.
3. Being born again is conditioned upon believing in Jesus.
4. Those believing in Jesus have everlasting life. Those who refuse to believe are condemned.

Have you believed in Jesus as your personal God and Savior and thus been born again? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please turn to the next page to do a SELF-CHECK of your answers. If you have further questions, email them to doswald1@cox.net.

**ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE**

In verse three, what did Jesus tell Nicodemus must happen in order for a person to see the kingdom? **They must be born again.**

Who is it according to verses 15 and 16 that will not perish? **Whoever believes in Jesus.**

According to verse 17, why did God send His Son into the world? **So that the world through Jesus might be saved.**

Who does verse 18 says is condemned and who is not? **He who believes is NOT condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned.**

What did John the Baptist mean in verse 30 when he said of Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease."? **The focus would be come less on John and more on Christ as the transition from John's ministry to Jesus ministry took place.**

The One Whom God sent speaks what, according to verse 34? **The Words of God.**

According to verse 36, he who believes in the Son has what? **Everlasting life.**

What happens to those who do not believe the Son according to verse 36? **They shall not see life and the wrath of God abides on them.**