



In the Flesh – John 3

January 7 | Weekly Devotionals

Section 1: Introduction

Today, we begin our time in John 3. This next chapter of John introduces us to Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council, who seeks out Jesus under the cover of darkness.

Intrigued by Jesus' teachings and miracles, Nicodemus acknowledges him as a teacher from God. In a profound conversation, Jesus challenges Nicodemus to be born again, not physically, but spiritually, emphasizing the necessity of a spiritual rebirth for understanding and entering the kingdom of God.

This chapter also features one of the most well-known verses in the Bible, John 3:16, expressing the core message of Christianity—God's love for the world through the gift of his Son. As the narrative unfolds, John 3 sets the stage for further revelations about Jesus' purpose and the nature of salvation.

Read all of John 3.

Section 2: Walk slowly through your passage

1. Paraphrase in your own way the events that take place and the lessons to learn from this chapter in John's gospel.
2. How does John 3:1 connect to John 2:24-25?
3. What did Nicodemus know about "the Kingdom of God" from the Scriptures (see Exodus 15:1, 18; Exodus 19:3, 6; 1 Samuel 8:7; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; 1 Chronicles 29:10-11; Psalm 93:1; Psalm 103:19; Isaiah 9:6-7; and Daniel 2:44).
 - a. What do we know about the kingdom of God, from studying Scripture (see Matthew 4:17; Matthew 5:10-12; Matthew 7:21; Matthew 13:33; Matthew 13:44-46; Luke 13:22-28; and John 3:3)?
4. What does Jesus say one must be born of to see the Kingdom of God?
5. Read Numbers 21:4-9. How does this relate to John 3:14-15? What is Jesus telling us about himself here?
6. How does John 3:16-21 connect to John 3:1-15? What do you learn about condemnation, judgment, and darkness? What do you learn about life, light, and love as it pertains to Jesus?

Section 3: Reflection questions

1. Reflect on a moment in your life when you sought understanding or wisdom from Jesus and his word in the manner that Nicodemus sought out Jesus. How did that experience shape your perspective or beliefs?
2. What does it mean to be "born again" spiritually, and how does this concept resonate with you and your personal growth? Where have you experienced a "new birth" in your own life?
3. Consider the concept of eternal life presented in John 3. How does your perspective on life and its purpose change when viewed through the lens of eternity?

Section 4: Pray the Scriptures

Using John 3, write out a prayer in response to what you've read.

Section 5: Memorize Scripture

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 3 into your heart and mind.

1. Write down John 3:16-21 in your journal or on a notecard.
2. Memorize John 3:16-18. Use various techniques to memorize the passage, such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm, take time to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.