



A Study Through John

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Encounters with Christ

Over the next seven weeks we will look at seven people who encounter Jesus. Each one has a story. Each one has reservations or preconceived ideas about Jesus. Each one, in the end, will realize they must make a decision about Jesus. Surrender to Him or reject Him.

As we encounter these individual we will encounter ourselves. We will encounter Jesus and His great love for each one of them. We will, if we allow ourselves, even encounter Jesus' great love for us. And hopefully, we will encounter a love so divine that it moves us to believe and by believing we will experience abundant life, in His name.



A Confused Minister

John 3

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Perhaps the most quoted verse in the Bible is John 3:16. For God so loved the world... It's famous for a reason. In one sentence it summarizes the gospel. God is love. Sin is deadly (perish). Jesus died in our place (gave). Salvation comes by grace (God gave) through faith (believe in).

But what is the larger context of this verse? Who is Jesus speaking to? Why did this individual come to Jesus? Why at night? What is it that makes this individual reluctant to simply believe? The message found in John 3 isn't just the beginning of the gospel. It isn't gospel lite. It IS the gospel. Jesus' words to Nicodemus speak to us today...will you believe and be born again? Will you give up your reputation, your future, your dreams, for something more secure...a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus?

Believing with you,

Pastor TJ



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Discussion Questions

1. What are reasons why people, during Jesus' lifetime, ignored the truth of Jesus as Messiah?
2. What are some reasons why people suffocate the truth today?
3. What are the things people try to replace God with?
4. Which Psalm 23 does your life most reflect?
5. What shortcuts do people try to take to discipleship and why is it ineffective?
6. What does it mean to be born again?
7. Discuss the three moments Nicodemus is seen in John and how his faith grows over time.
8. What are some ways you have seen your faith or a friend's faith grow over time?
9. Share a time when you experienced the living-giving power of the Holy Spirit.



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10. How does Nicodemus hide his faith and curiosity in Jesus and what are some ways we might hide our faith in Jesus?
11. Take some time to describe the “world” God so loved.
12. Discuss the Old Testament reference in v. 14 and what it teaches us about Jesus.
13. What are some ways we should look and live differently than the world?



Prayer & Praise

End your time together by reflecting on the goodness of God and praying for one another.

Prayer Requests

Praise Reports

