

**Sermon Title:** Born Again

**Passage:** John 3:1-21

**Main Idea:** Salvation comes by faith alone in Christ alone

**Setting:** Jesus is still in Jerusalem for the Passover as we saw last week in John 2:13-25. The signs that Jesus has performed have caught the attention of the religious leaders. As John 3 opens, one of these religious elite, Nicodemus, has come to Jesus privately.

**I. A Secret Meeting (3:1-15)**

A. Introduction (1-2)

B. Development (3-9)

C. Climax (10-15)

**II. A Universal Truth (3:16-21)**

A. Truth (16)

B. Purpose (17)

C. Reason (18-21)

**Conclusion:** We have all sinned and we all need salvation. Neither Nicodemus' ethnic background as a Jew nor his position as a high ranking religious leader qualify him to "see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus, like every person who has ever lived, must be born again. Thankfully, God has provided for our new birth by His grace because of His love. As Jesus states in John 3:15, and John clarifies in John 3:16-21, God has provided for our salvation by sending his only begotten (unique) Son to shed His blood for our sins, that through faith in Him we might be born again. Praise the Lord that the question this morning is not whether or not you deserve God's love, but is instead simply "will you believe"?

### **Application Questions:**

- As John 3 opens Nicodemus has false hope. What is Nicodemus hoping in?
- Why did God send his Son into the world?
- Why is man condemned?
- How can man be saved?
- What are you hoping in?

### **Children's Application Questions:**

- Who is God's only begotten Son?
- Why did God give his only begotten Son?
- What is condemnation?
- How can you be saved?

### **Similar Passages of Scripture to Explore:**

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Ezekiel 36:25-27
- John 1:1-18
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 8:1-11
- Romans 1:18-32
- Romans 3:9-26

### **Songs & Hymns to Meditate On:**

- In Christ Alone
- And Can It Be?
- Amazing Grace
- Jesus Paid It All
- Hallelujah, What A Savior!
- How Deep the Father's Love for us