

Talking to a Religious Man - John 3:1-21

What does it mean to be born again? (1-8)

Who has eternal life? (9-18)

Why doesn't everyone believe? (19-21)

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. Why do you think that Nicodemus came to talk to Jesus (see also John 7:50-52 & 19:39-40 for clues)? Since Nicodemus was a serious student of the Scripture, why didn't he understand Jesus' words? Can you relate to the dullness of Nicodemus?
3. How does Jesus relate being born again to the Spirit? What does this teach us about our salvation?
4. Does the language of being "born again" imply that our lives are completely transformed or that very little has changed about our lives? How has being born again transformed you?
5. According to verses 19-21 what is the greatest obstacle to people coming into the light and believing in Christ? How might knowing this impact the way that we reach out to the lost with the gospel?

Memory Verses: John 3:14-15

Passage to Look at this Week: John 3:22-36

By This We Know Love

Verse 1

God of all creation
Lord of heaven's light
Descended into evil's darkest night
Infinitely holy
Your perfections know no end
Selflessly You died my rightful death

Chorus

By this we know love that He laid down His life
God's very own Son came from Heaven to die
Suspended He hung as He shed His own blood
What grace in His pardon by this we know love

Verse 2

Forsaken man of sorrows
Hated by all men
You willingly surrendered for my sin
Scornfully derided
Yet in silence stumbling on
Bearing wrath for all that I've done wrong

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The Lord Is My Salvation

Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 4

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 5

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son

Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Ending

The Lord is our salvation
The Lord is our salvation

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Our God

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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