

A Skeptic's Encounter With Jesus!
Encounter: Jesus Through the Book of John, Pt. 3
John 3
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John 2:23, Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.

How Skeptics Come to Christ:

1. They Come at Unexpected TIMES

John 3:1, Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night...

2. They Have a Lot of QUESTIONS

John 3:2, Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." **3** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

Question:

John 3:4, "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus' Answer:

John 3:5, Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

Most Important Question:

John 3:9, "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus' Answer:

John 3:10, "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ... **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

3. They Need God's LOVE

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

4. They Might Still Reject JESUS

John 3:18, Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

What About Nicodemus?

John 19:39, *He (Joseph of Arimathea) was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. **40** Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.*

John 3:36, *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*