

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John
Lesson 3

The Presentation of the Son of God John 2, 3

REFLECTION

Review John 1. What have you decided to change in your daily life in order to be an effective witness for Christ?

FOCUS VERSE

For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

SECTION 1 – Jesus’ Witness at the Wedding Feast

Read John 2:1-5.

1. Where was the wedding (v. 1a)? _____
2. Who had been invited to this wedding (vv. 1b, 2)? _____

3. What became a problem, who took this concern to Jesus (v. 3)? _____

What did she say? _____
4. What was Jesus’ response to the problem (v. 4)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Compare John 2:4 with John 12:23, 24, 27, 28, 13:1 and 17:1. What does Jesus mean when He says, *My hour has not yet come?*

PERSONAL

What do you learn from Jesus' mother as she gives instructions to the servants (John 2:5)? _____

What is Jesus saying to you to do today? _____

5. Read John 2:6-10. How did Jesus solve the problem at the wedding (vv. 6-8)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Compare John 2:6 with Mark 7:1-3. What were the water pots used for? _____

6. What did Jesus tell the servants to do (John 2:7, 8)? _____

7. What happened when the master of the feast tasted the wine (v. 9)? _____

8. What did he say to the bridegroom (v. 10)? _____

PERSONAL

How have you seen God work a miracle in your life through everyday circumstances? _____

9. What caused the disciples to believe that Jesus was the Son of God (vv. 11, 12)? _____

Who also followed Jesus? _____

SECTION 2 – Jesus’ Witness at the Temple

Read John 2:13-25.

1. Where was Jesus (v. 13)? _____
What was the reason that Jesus was there? _____
2. What did Jesus find in the Temple (v. 14)? _____

3. Describe what Jesus’ reaction was to the lack of reverence in the Temple (vv. 15, 16). _____

4. Write the prophecy¹ in Psalm 69:9 that the disciples remembered pertaining to Jesus (v. 17). _____

PERSONAL

Read I Corinthians 3:16, 17 and I Corinthians 6:19, 20. Jesus cleansed the Temple, a building, He called His Father’s house. What do these verses teach us about our bodies when we belong to Him? What will you do with your temple?

5. How did the Jews challenge Christ’s divinity² (John 2:18)? _____

6. What did Jesus say about the Temple (v. 19)? _____

¹ prophecy: inspired Word of God foretelling a future event.

² divinity: pertaining to the Godhead, the only and true God, the Trinity: the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

7. What was the response of the Jews (v. 20)? _____

8. What temple was Jesus speaking of (v. 21)? _____

9. What effect did this saying have on the disciples after His resurrection (v. 22)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Again, read John 2:19-22, and also Acts 10:38-43. Who did God anoint Jesus with? What did He do? What did Peter and others witness? What did Jesus command them to do?

10. What took place while Jesus was at the Feast of the Passover³ (John 2:23-25)? _____

Why did Jesus not commit Himself to those people? _____

PERSONAL

What can you apply to your life from these verses? _____

SECTION 3 – Jesus Witnesses to Nicodemus

Read John 3:1-21.

1. Who came to Jesus (vv. 1, 2a)? _____⁴

³ Feast of the Passover: celebration of the Hebrew nation's deliverance from the slavery of Egypt; remembering the night when the Angel of Death killed every firstborn in Egypt, but passed over the homes whose doorposts were marked with the blood of a lamb.

What time was it? _____

PERSONAL

Why do you think He came at night? _____

2. What did he acknowledge to be true about Jesus (v. 2b)? _____⁵

3. What was Jesus' answer to Nicodemus (v. 3)? _____⁶

4. How did Jesus' answer create confusion in the mind of Nicodemus (v. 4)? _____

5. How did Christ contrast the physical and the spiritual birth of man (vv. 5-8)? _____

PERSONAL

From this passage, explain what it means to be born again in your own words. _____

What is the difference between believing in Jesus and being born again? _____

6. According to Jesus, why did Nicodemus not understand the spiritual birth (vv. 9-12)? _____

⁴ Pharisees: student of the Law of Moses.

⁵ Rabbi: master, teacher of the Holy Scriptures.

⁶ born again: born from above, spiritual new birth.

7. What life saving truths did Jesus reveal to Nicodemus (vv. 13-16)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Compare John 3:14, 15 with Numbers 21:4-9. What is the parallel in Jesus' teaching? _____

8. What one thing must one do to escape God's judgment and inherit eternal life (John 3:15-18)? _____

Who did God send for this escape (v. 16)? Why? _____

9. Who is under condemnation (vv.18-21)? _____

PERSONAL

What is your spiritual condition? _____

What do you love more than God? _____

SECTION 4 – John the Baptist

Read John 3:22-36.

1. Where was Jesus at this time, and what was He doing (v. 22)? _____

Who was with Him? _____

2. Summarize the reasons that a dispute arose (vv. 23-26)? _____

3. How did John the Baptist resolve this problem (vv. 27, 28)? _____

4. What did John the Baptist know about Jesus and his relationship to Him (vv. 29-35)? _____

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Write verse 30.

_____ *must* _____ *but* _____ *must* _____ .

PERSONAL

Use verse 30 to guide you in your own prayer to the Lord.

5. Write out verse 36. _____

PERSONAL

What do you learn about the Character of God from John Chapters 2 and 3? _____

⁷ bride: the Church, believers.

⁸ Bridegroom: Jesus, the Son of God.

⁹ friend of the Bridegroom: John the Baptist, referring to himself.

You must be born again.
John 3:7

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