

## The Gospel of John Week 3

**John 2:23-25 (NLT)** Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew all about people. No one needed to tell him about human nature, for he knew what was in each person's heart.

**John 3:1-12**

**What is your heart really like?**

**John 3:3 (NLT)** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

The human heart is \_\_\_\_\_ and in need of a savior.

**John 3:13-21**

**What is the heart of God really like?**

**John 3:16 (NLT)** For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

God's heart is \_\_\_\_\_ of love

**John 3:17 (NLT)** God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

**John 3:22-36**

**What happens if we ask Jesus into our heart?**

**John 3:30 (NLT)** He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

The human heart is \_\_\_\_\_ as we journey with Jesus.

**Final Thought:** These two famous verses tell a story; they reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and how the human \_\_\_\_\_ is transformed if we follow God. Where is your \_\_\_\_\_?

John 3 Discussion Questions

As we work through the gospel of John we are noticing not only what John says, but also what he doesn't say. Both stories included in chapter 3 are not resolved; John doesn't tell us what happens to Nicodemus or John the Baptist. Why do you think he left them out?

Read John 3:16. Does this verse seem different after looking at the entire story instead of the stand-alone memory verse? Why or why not?

Jesus pulls no punches with Nicodemus, He uses strong blunt language; so strong Nicodemus should have been very offended by this conversation. Read John 19:38-42. After this confrontation, is it surprising to see Nicodemus helping to bury the crucified Jesus? Why or why not? What can we learn about truth and love from this situation?

(If you have time, you can read about how John the Baptist died in Matthew 14:1-12)

Read John 3:31-36. What in this description of Jesus stands out to you? Explain.

Verse 34 says that Jesus had “the Spirit without limit.” As followers of Jesus that same Spirit indwells us. Do we put limits on the Holy Spirit in our lives? Why or why not? If you could use God’s power to accomplish something in this world and knew you could not fail, what would you do and why?