

FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 9

John 3

Someone has said that if the Gospel of John were the only book in the Bible, we would have enough Bible to get us to Heaven; and if the third chapter of John were the only chapter in the Bible, we would have enough truth to get us to Heaven; and if the 16th verse of the third chapter were the only verse in the Bible, we would have enough Gospel to get us to Heaven.

NICODEMUS.

1. Nicodemus was _____; yet he was not saved. He was a Pharisee. (This was a religious group.)

2. Nicodemus was _____, but he was not converted.

The Pharisees were very strict in their behavior. They did not participate in anything that was questionable; yet that does not mean that one is converted.

3. Nicodemus was _____ sound; yet he was not converted. He was very strict in the outward form of his Jewish religion.

4. Nicodemus was a religious _____, but he was not saved. He was a ruler of the Jews.

5. Nicodemus was a _____ teacher; yet he was not converted. John 3:10 Jesus asked, "Art thou a master of Israel...?" The word "master" here implies that he was a teacher of the Bible.

6. Nicodemus came to Jesus at _____. Why did he come at night as is told us in John 3:2?

He came at night perhaps because he was afraid for folks to see him, but he did want to know something more about salvation.

7. Nicodemus _____ that God was with Jesus; yet he was not saved. John 3:2 that he said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God."

8. Nicodemus believed in the _____. John 3:2b. In spite of this, he was not converted.

9. Nicodemus was, however, a _____. He was sincere. He wanted to know the answer concerning salvation. Of course, this is the first step toward being saved.

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Jesus _____ to Nicodemus what one must do in order to be born again.
John 3:9-15.

2. Nicodemus could not _____ what our Lord was talking about when He said that a person must be “born again,” so Jesus had to talk to him in his own language.

3. He told him a beautiful story from the Old Testament. The Israelites had been _____ to God. As _____, God sent fiery serpents.

4. Jesus then gave Nicodemus the _____ sentence ever spoken on salvation.

John 3:16. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

5. Jesus _____ Nicodemus that he must be born again. John 3:3, 5, 7.

6. Three times in different words salvation is shown in this verse: “_____.” Escape from Hell is shown in this verse: “_____.” Heaven is shown in this verse: “_____.”

The key word here is “believe.” It means “to roll upon,” “to cast one’s self upon,” “to rely upon.” When a person realizes he is a sinner and that he is condemned because of his sins; when he realizes that Jesus went to the cross and paid the penalty for his sins and then relies upon that payment for the penalty and upon Christ as his Saviour, he is God’s child.

7. Jesus gave Nicodemus the great _____ verse. John 3:36a. Here it is in black and white, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.”

NICODEMUS LATER

When Jesus died on the cross, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathæa came to beg the body of Jesus. John 19:38-40.

They buried Him in Joseph’s new tomb. Hence, we have good reason to believe that Nicodemus had heard the words of Christ, believed Him, and was born again!