

# come and see

## **Week 3: Jesus Encounter**

*John 3:1-21*

### **Summary**

In John 3:1-21, a Pharisee named Nicodemus visits Jesus at night to seek understanding about his teachings. Jesus tells him about the necessity of being “born again” to see the Kingdom of God, explaining spiritual rebirth through the Holy Spirit. Jesus famously shares John 3:16, emphasizing God’s love and the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus. A historically significant aspect of this passage is the introduction of the concept of spiritual rebirth, challenging both traditional Jewish views and first century worldviews. A prominent aspect of Jesus’ teaching here and later in his ministry is a highlight of the transition from law to grace. Nicodemus’ example shows us the importance of seeking understanding and truth, even when it challenges our status quo. And Jesus meets Nicodemus’ questions with assurance of God’s love and the invitation to a transformative relationship through faith in Jesus.

### **For you**

- Being “born again” comes in many forms. Reflect on your rebirth. When did you experience a spiritual shift? (If you’re still seeking that, pray for it and please reach out to Campus Ministries if you think that would be helpful.)
- Whether it’s about being born again or something else, what spiritual question do you have for Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and heart in that area.

### **For your work**

- What do your co-workers know about each others’ rebirth stories? What do you know about the questions your co-workers are asking? Pray and move toward sharing with each other.
- How can you bring a hopeful, Christ-centered perspective to bear on your work at Bethel this week?

### **For Students (questions to have in your ‘back pocket’)**

- Where are you interacting with the Gospel of John (if anywhere)?
- What are you discovering about Jesus?
- How about that crazy story about Jesus’ first miracle being “water into wine”? What do you think this tells us about Jesus?
- What do you think this passage tells us about people or yourself?

How is this resource working for you? How is God using it to form you? Are there ways we can improve it? How can we pray for you? If you’ve got questions or thoughts, we invite you to be in touch with us. Send us an email at [campus-ministries@bethel.edu](mailto:campus-ministries@bethel.edu)

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