

AUGUST ALL AGE CELEBRATION 2024

HOW CAN THIS BE?

REDISCOVERING THE WONDER IN THE CASE OF JOHN 3:16

CAN

YOU

DO

SOMETHING

AMAZING?



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JOHN 3:16

A Little Boy's Lunch

(Jesus feeds 5,000, from Luke 9 and John 6)

People loved to listen to Jesus. A large crowd had listened all day, and now they were very hungry. Jesus' friends wanted to send them home to eat. But Jesus said, "You can feed them."

"We only have one boy's lunch," Jesus' friends said. "It's not enough!" Jesus knew that didn't matter. He knew God would make it enough. He took the boy's five loaves and two fish, and thanked God. Suddenly, there was plenty of food. Everyone ate until they were full – there were even leftovers!



'CONTEMPT OF COURT'

- Does familiarity sometimes breed contempt?!
- Contempt: 'lack of respect or reverence for something' (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)



Parable 1: The missing sheep

1 %



Parable 2: The missing coin

10 %



Parable 3: The missing son

50 %



IN CONTEXT

- If you take the 'text' out of 'context' - what are you left with?!
- Context:
 - 'The parts of a discourse that surround a word or passage and can throw light on its meaning'
 - 'the interrelated conditions in which something exists or occurs'

IN CONTEXT

- Every verse is powerful in its own right but we miss out if we don't seek to understand...
- How it relates to the verses around it
- The situation it was originally written for
- Keep it in context!

¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²²Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them;^a and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

THE DISCERNER OF HEARTS

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, ²⁵and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

THE NEW BIRTH

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ¹This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

²Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

³Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁴Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁵That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁶Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁷The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁸Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

⁹Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹⁰Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹¹If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹²No one has ascended to heaven but He who came

down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.^a ¹³And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁴that whoever believes in Him should not perish but^a have eternal life. ¹⁵For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁶For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

¹⁷He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁸And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ¹⁹For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²⁰But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

JOHN THE BAPTIST EXALTS CHRIST

²²After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. ²³Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. ²⁴For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. ²⁶And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

²⁷John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ; but, 'I have been sent before Him.' ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³²And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. ³³He who has received His testimony has

2:22 ^a NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them*. 3:13 ^a NU-Text omits *who is in heaven*.

3:15 ^a NU-Text omits *not perish but*.



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Follow



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 and 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."

JOHN 3

3 Jesus replied,
“Very truly I tell
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JOHN 3

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JOHN 3

8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

HOW CAN THIS BE?



THE WONDER OF NEW LIFE!

- Born again?!!!
- “The Greek for again also means from above; also in verse 7.” (NIV footnote)
- This is wonderful!

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

JOHN 3

12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

JOHN 3

14 Just as
Moses lifted up
the snake in
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JOHN 3

HOW CAN THIS BE?



8 The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

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.

JOHN 3

John 3:16



<https://fhcsportsreport.com/2094/columns/john-316-what-happened-to-tim-tebow/#modal-photo>

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BALLERS IN GOD



JOHN 3:16

- We usually see John 3:16 used to reach people outside the church**
- The first person who heard it was a religious leader - a teacher of 'the law'**

HOW CAN THIS BE?

**DO WE SOMETIMES
BECOME SO
FAMILIAR WITH
THE THINGS OF
GOD THAT WE
LOSE THE WONDER
OF IT ALL?**

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
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.

JOHN 3



THIS IS AMAZING!!!



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

20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

JOHN 3



21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

JOHN 3

**DO WE REMEMBER
WHAT THE HEART
OF THE MATTER
WAS LAST WEEK?**



Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active.

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?

- Believe in Jesus with all your heart
- If we read John 3:16 in **context** we can avoid familiarity breeding **contempt**, be saved, born by the spirit and free of the **condemnation** we deserve

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