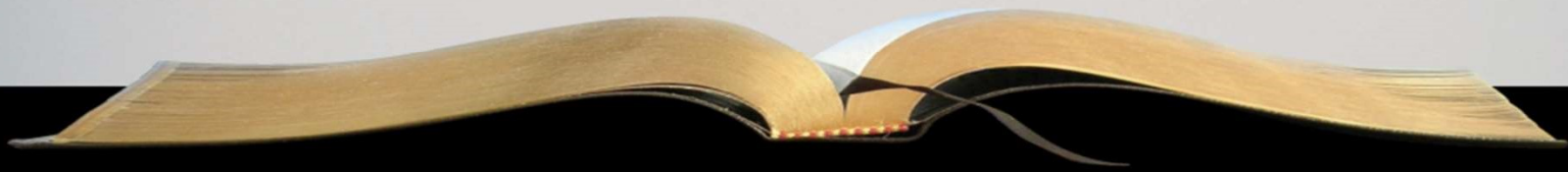


Lesson 35
You Must Be Born Again.



I. Nicodemus Came to Jesus at Night.



(John 3:1-2)

Nicodemus was a Pharisee
(**Jewish religious leader**).

Pharisees had many rules.

Pharisees thought:
Obey rules = Can go to Heaven



Man's ways/religions: obey rules / own power = salvation



(John 3:1-2)

All people knew Jesus did miracles.

Nicodemus believed Jesus came from God, but he was afraid to tell other Pharisees.



2. Jesus Told Nicodemus: You Must Be Born Again.

John 3:3



(John 3:3)

*Pharisees and Jews were proud that they were Abraham's children.

*However, they were also Adam's children and in Satan's family.

*Adam and Eve's sin resulted in all people dying (**separate from God**).

*Only by God's power can we be born again [John 1:12-13].

**Born
Once**
↓
**In Satan's
Kingdom**

**Born
Twice**
↓
**In God's
Kingdom**

(John 3:4-5)

Nicodemus did NOT understand HOW to be born again.

Jesus taught that God the Spirit has the power to make a person become a new creation—a person having eternal, spiritual life.



(John 3:6-7)

1. Only born of the flesh = Satan's family

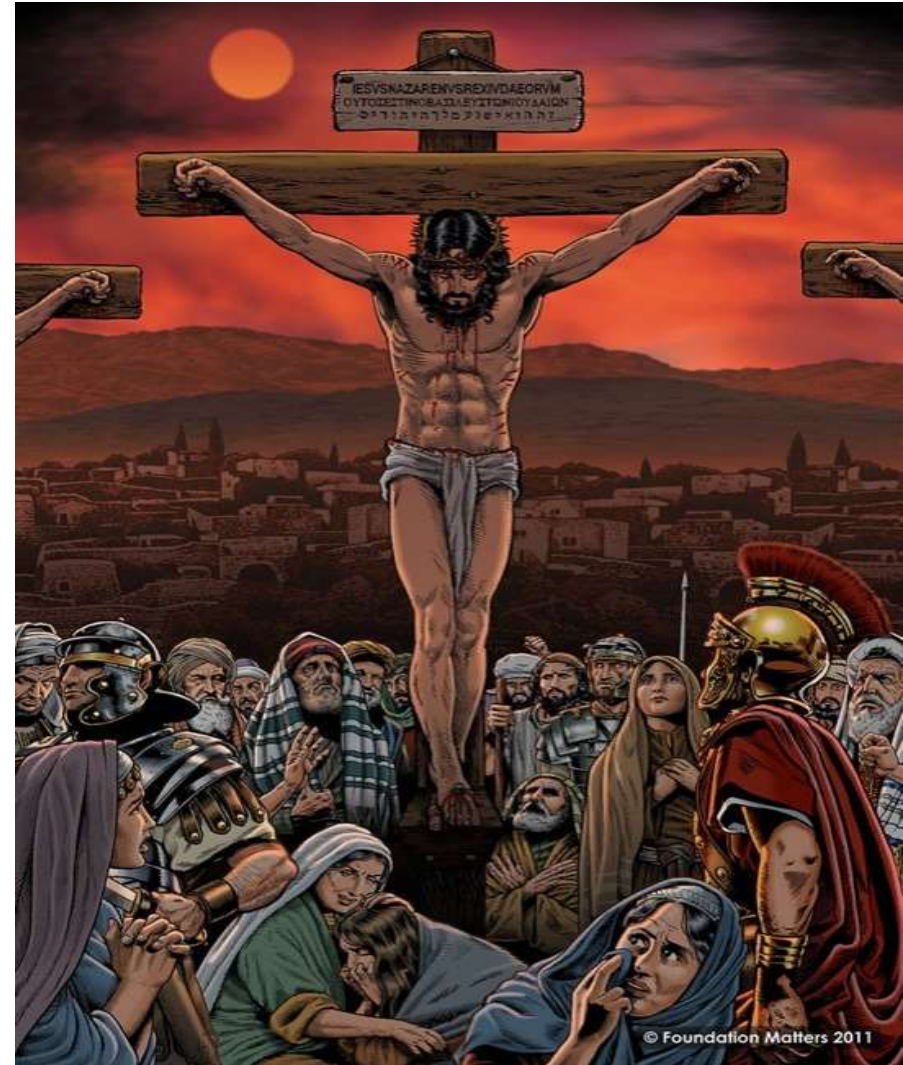
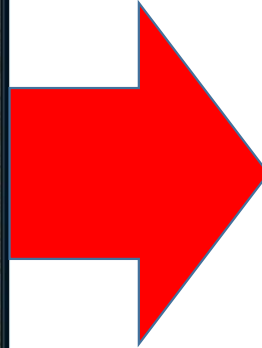
2. Born of the Spirit = God's family

(John 3:9)

Nicodemus asked, "How?"



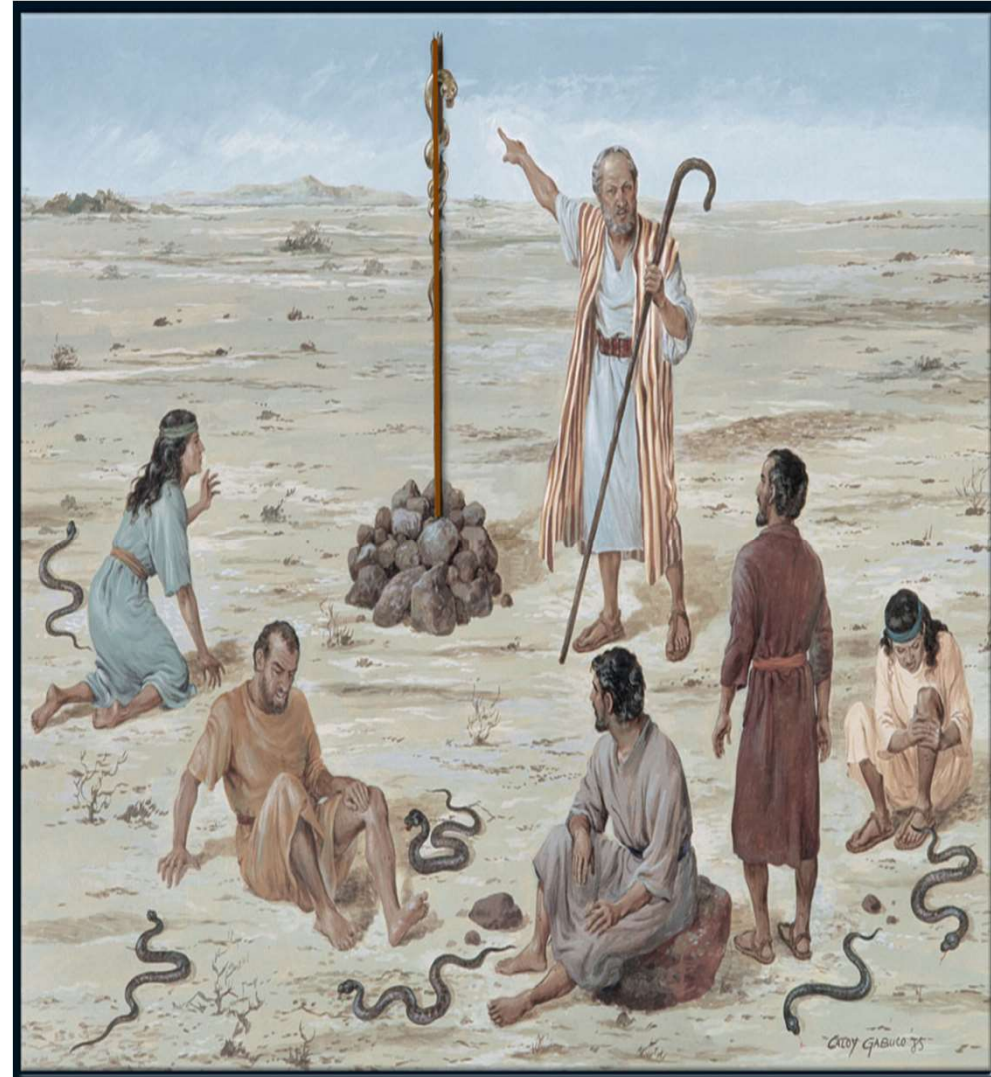
4. Jesus Must Be Lifted Up (die on cross).



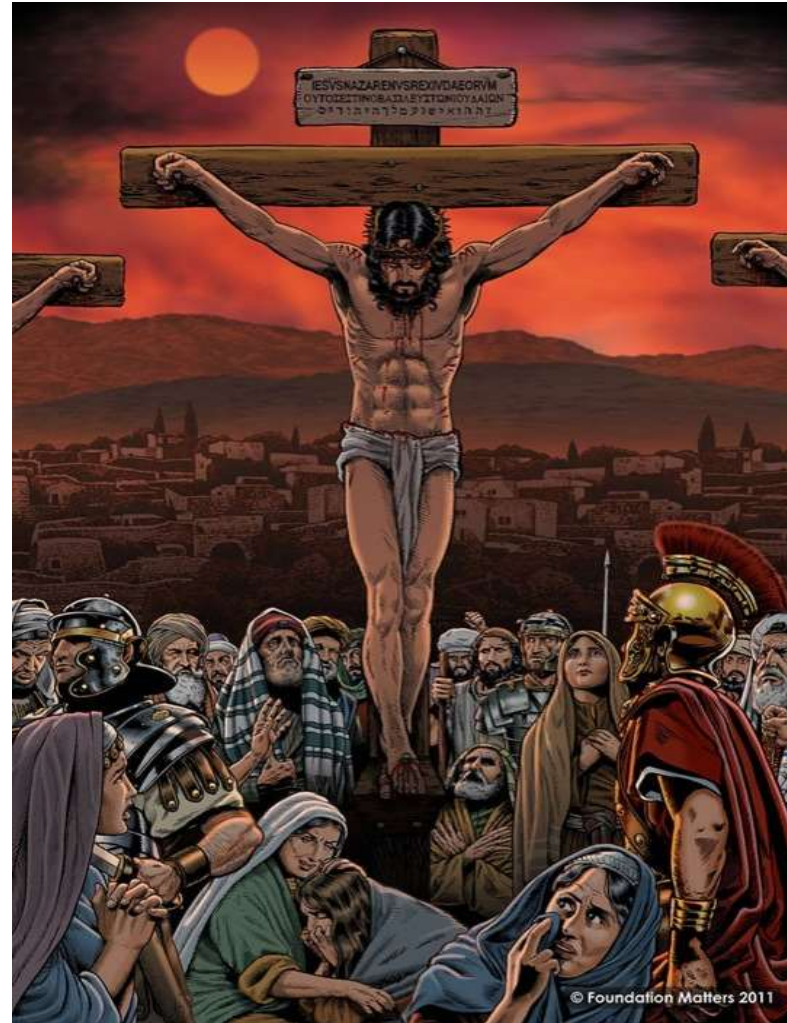
(John 3:14-15)

Jesus taught Nicodemus:
Bronze snake = Jesus on
cross [Numbers 21:4-9].

All have sinned and can
only be saved by looking to
Jesus (believing in Jesus.)



5. God Sent His Son to Give Eternal Life.

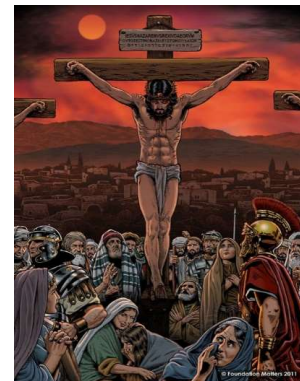


(John 3:16)

*For God so loved the world, that he (**God**) gave his only **begotten** (**sent**) Son (**Jesus**), that whosoever believeth in him (**Jesus**) should not **perish** (**die/Hell**), but have everlasting life.*

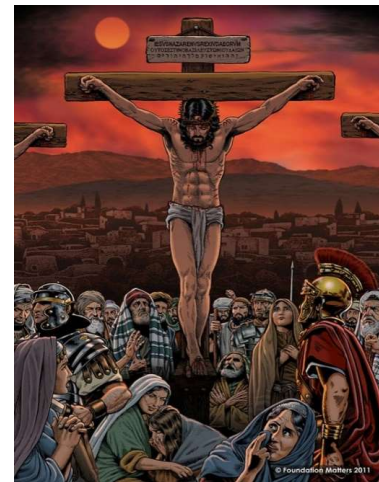
“begotten” = come from [Only Jesus came from Heaven/God]

“perish” = die/Hell



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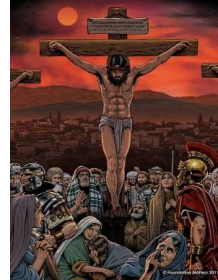


God loves the world (**all people**).

Because God loves the world, God gave His only begotten Son (**Jesus**).

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If we believe in Jesus, will we perish (**die/Hell**)? **No**

If we believe in Jesus, what will we have? **Everlasting life**

6. Jesus Came NOT to Punish; Jesus Came to SAVE.

(John 3:17-18)

*(17) For God sent not his Son (**Jesus**) into the world to condemn (**judge-punish**) the world; but that the world through him (**Jesus**) might be saved.*

