

**John 3:1-17**     *A Delightful New Story*

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees,

named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; <sup>2</sup> this man came to

Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You

have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do

these <sup>3</sup> signs that You do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus

answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless

one is born <sup>4</sup> again he cannot see the kingdom of God." *i.e. Heaven*

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus \*said to Him, "How can a man be born when

he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's

womb and be born, can he?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly,

I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he

cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born

of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is

spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be

born <sup>8</sup> again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes and you

hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from

and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the

Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things

be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the

"Nicodemus": "ruler of the people"

a one on one conversation, uninterrupted

he has no doubts about Jesus' validity...

and he has questions to ask

And Jesus knows what the question is...

ezekiel 36:25-27

jeremiah 31:31-34

Nicodemus thinks "another birth"

Jesus says "another kind of birth" a spiritual birth

Another birth could never change the heart...

a spiritual Rebirth would yield the nature of God..

2 Peter 1:4

we dont understand or predict the wind..

we can only experience it

forgiveness and regeneration...  
Titus 3:5-6  
zph. 5:26  
1 Cor. 6:11

the Rebirth comes by a sovereign, omnipotent, invisible power of God  
"Wind" and "Spirit" are the same word

Nicodemus has to understand it

teacher of Israel and do not understand these

things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we

know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not

accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I told you earthly things and you

Deut. 29:29  
the rebirth is a revealed thing

do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly

a new thing... a newly revealed truth... it follows believes in the O.T. revealed truth

things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven, but He who

descended from heaven: the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> As Moses

Dan. 7: the conquering messiah

lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the

Son of Man be lifted up; <sup>15</sup> so that whoever believes will in

Him have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only

begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not

perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send the

Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world

might be saved through Him.

John now offers commentary...  
God loves the WORLD that He gave a gift His begotten son that whoever He saves men from hell

And only Jesus has the authority to bring us new divine truth...

and here is the New Divine Truth...

- the messiah
- will be lifted up on a cross
- for whoever
- merely believes
- will have divine life
- forever

There will be a first and second coming  
first to save then to judge