

Time Audit Chronicles: Jesus and Nicodemus – Being Born Again

(John 3:1-21)

Prologue: A Nighttime Visit with Nicodemus

The Presswood family sat together, the soft glow of a lamp illuminating the room, reflecting on the powerful conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in John 3:1-21. The gentle ticking of the clock added a sense of calm, while Ariel and Alice listened intently, their faces filled with curiosity. Ariel was captivated by the idea of being “born again.” Her eyes widened with wonder as she pondered the deep truths Jesus shared about the Kingdom of God, her mind racing with questions about what it truly meant to be transformed from the inside out. Alice, holding Mr. Fluffernutter, was pretending to be Nicodemus. “How can I be born again, Mr. Fluffernutter?” she asked in a serious voice, her brow furrowed in concentration. “Well, Nicodemus,” she replied in a squeaky voice for the bunny, “you need to be born of the Spirit!” Alice giggled, clearly enjoying the playful reenactment.

“Daddy,” Ariel began, her voice filled with curiosity, “Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus at night? What does it mean to be born again?” She leaned forward, her eyes searching for answers, eager to understand the depth of Jesus' words.

Ryan smiled, sensing the importance of this moment. He knew Ariel was about to dive into a profound and crucial part of Jesus' teaching—one that had the power to shape her understanding of faith and transformation. He hoped she would grasp the beauty of what it meant to be born anew. “Great questions, Ariel. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night probably because he was a Pharisee, a religious leader, and he didn’t want to be seen talking to Jesus in the daytime. Jesus was already causing controversy, and Nicodemus may have been concerned about his reputation. But he came because he recognized that Jesus had knowledge and authority that no one else had. As for being born again, Jesus was talking about a spiritual rebirth—it’s not about being born physically again, but about receiving a new spiritual life through the Holy Spirit. To enter God’s Kingdom, we need to be transformed from the inside out, and that transformation comes when we accept Jesus and receive the new life He offers.”

Ryan paused and then added, “Nicodemus was a respected leader among the Pharisees, who were the religious authorities of that time. It must have taken a lot of courage for him to approach Jesus, especially given how controversial Jesus was among the Pharisees. This shows us that Nicodemus was genuinely seeking the truth.”

Ariel looked thoughtfully at her father. “So, it’s not just about being a good person or doing good things. To enter the Kingdom of God, we need a new heart, and only Jesus can give us that new heart.”

“That’s exactly it,” Ryan said. “The Kingdom of God is not about external rules or rituals—it’s about an internal transformation that happens when we are born again through the Holy Spirit. Let’s use the Time Audit Machine to travel back and witness this profound conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus.”

The Journey Begins: Nicodemus Comes to Jesus (John 3:1-2)

The Time Audit Machine hummed to life, and with a flash, the family found themselves in a quiet, dimly lit room. The air was thick with the scent of aged wood and the flickering glow of oil lamps cast

shadows on the walls. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council, stood before Jesus, his face a mixture of curiosity and reverence. As he approached, his steps faltered slightly, his eyes flickering with hesitation. The weight of his reputation as a respected leader pressed heavily on his shoulders, his mind replaying the risks of this meeting. What if someone saw him? How would he explain seeking out the very man his peers dismissed? Yet, despite the fear gnawing at him, there was an undeniable hunger for truth—a longing that overpowered his concerns.

He paused just within the glow of the lamp, his hands clasped tightly in front of him, as if grounding himself for what was to come. His heart wrestled with conflicting emotions. The law he had studied all his life now seemed incomplete, and the miracles and teachings of Jesus stirred something deeper—a possibility that his understanding of God might need to change. With a deep breath, he stepped forward, curiosity driving him beyond his fear.

He finally spoke, his voice low and deliberate, “Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.” (John 3:2). His words carried both awe and hesitation, as if each syllable revealed a crack in the carefully constructed armor of his beliefs. Nicodemus was acknowledging Jesus’ divine authority, but the uncertainty in his eyes betrayed the struggle of a man torn between his position and his growing realization of a greater truth.

Ariel looked at Nicodemus with curiosity. “Nicodemus knew Jesus had power, but he wasn’t sure who Jesus really was, right?” Ariel asked, her brow furrowed. She seemed to be trying to put herself in Nicodemus’ shoes, wondering how it must have felt to stand before Jesus and not fully understand His identity.

“That’s right,” Ryan said. “Nicodemus recognized that Jesus’ teachings and miracles were not ordinary. He knew that Jesus must have been sent by God, but he hadn’t fully understood that Jesus was more than just a teacher—He was the Messiah, the Son of God. He came to Jesus in the middle of the night, seeking answers.”

Ariel nodded, processing the idea. “Nicodemus came to Jesus because he wanted to know more, but he didn’t yet see the full picture.”

Jesus Explains the Need for Spiritual Rebirth (John 3:3-7)

Jesus immediately responded to Nicodemus, saying, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3). His calm voice carried the weight of eternal truth, and His words seemed to hover in the stillness of the room. Nicodemus’ face creased with confusion, and he hesitated before asking, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” (John 3:4). His voice was filled with genuine bewilderment, and his hands gestured helplessly, as though trying to grasp something just beyond his reach.

Jesus leaned slightly forward, His eyes warm with understanding. “Nicodemus,” He began, “think of how the world feels after a cleansing rain. The air is fresh, the ground renewed, and life begins again. That is what it means to be born again—not of the flesh, but of the Spirit.” He paused, letting the words sink in, then continued, “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” (John

3:8). His words painted an image of the mysterious yet undeniable power of the Holy Spirit, much like the unseen wind that changes everything it touches.

Ariel's eyes widened as she listened. "It's like when the sun rises after a dark night," she whispered, "bringing light and making everything feel new. I think I understand now—being born again is like a fresh start, a new beginning."

Alice, clutching Mr. Fluffernutter, chimed in with a grin. "So, it's like when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly? It's still the same creature, but it's totally changed!"

Ryan smiled warmly. "Exactly, girls. Jesus used these metaphors because being born again through the Holy Spirit is a transformation—a complete renewal of who we are. It's about leaving behind our old selves and stepping into the new life that God offers."

Ariel furrowed her brow as she listened. "Nicodemus was confused because he thought Jesus was talking about being born physically again. But Jesus was talking about something much deeper."

"That's right," Ryan said. Jesus continued, explaining the mystery of how the Holy Spirit works: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). As He spoke, His hands moved gently, illustrating the invisible nature of the wind. Nicodemus watched intently, his eyes reflecting a mix of awe and contemplation. Jesus explains that to enter the Kingdom of God, we must be born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5). This spiritual rebirth is necessary because our old selves—our sinful nature—must be washed away, and we must be made new through the Holy Spirit."

Ariel thought about this for a moment. "So, being born again means we're made new on the inside, and the Holy Spirit is the one who does that work in us."

"Exactly," Ryan said. "The Holy Spirit brings about this transformation, changing our hearts and minds so that we can live in a way that pleases God and enter His Kingdom. Without this spiritual rebirth, we can't experience the fullness of God's Kingdom."

The Mystery of the New Birth (John 3:8)

Jesus continued, explaining the mystery of how the Holy Spirit works: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). Jesus compares the work of the Spirit to the wind—though we can't see it, we can feel its effects. Just as wind fills the sails of a ship and moves it forward, the Holy Spirit fills our hearts, guiding and transforming us in ways we may not fully understand but can clearly see in the changes it brings.

Ryan leaned forward, smiling. "The Holy Spirit works in us much like a seed planted in the ground. At first, you don't see anything, but slowly, it germinates and grows into a tree. The change starts unseen, but eventually, it becomes something strong and fruitful."

Ariel's eyes lit up. "It's like when we plant flowers in the garden! We water them and wait, and then one day, there's a bloom. It's amazing to think that the Holy Spirit does that with our hearts."

Alice hugged Mr. Fluffernutter tightly. "So the Holy Spirit is like magic rain that makes us grow big and strong inside?"

Ryan chuckled. "That's a great way to think about it, Alice. The Holy Spirit nurtures us, just like rain and sunshine nurture plants. It helps us grow in faith and love, making us into the people God created us to be." She paused, then added softly, "It's kind of amazing to think that something we can't see can change everything about us."

"Yes," Ryan said. "The Holy Spirit brings the new birth. Just like the wind can't be seen, the Spirit's work in our hearts is invisible, but we can see the change it brings. It's the Spirit that enables us to experience the Kingdom of God, and to live in a way that reflects God's love and truth."

Ariel thought about this for a moment. "So, to be born again, we don't need to do anything on our own. It's the Holy Spirit who changes us and gives us new life."

"That's right," Ryan said, "We can't change ourselves. It's the work of the Spirit that regenerates us and makes us new. Our part is to trust in Jesus, and the Spirit will do the rest."

The Ultimate Reason for Spiritual Rebirth: God's Love and Salvation (John 3:14-17)

Jesus continued explaining, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:14-15). Jesus referred to an event in Israel's history when Moses lifted up a bronze serpent to heal the Israelites from snake bites (Numbers 21:4-9). Just as the serpent was lifted up for the people to look at and be healed, Jesus would be lifted up on the cross, offering healing and salvation to all who believe in Him.

Ryan turned to Ariel and Alice, his voice filled with tenderness. "Think about it this way: God's love for us is like a parent's love but even greater. Imagine if I gave up something so precious to me so that you could be safe and happy. That's what God did when He gave His Son for us."

Ariel tilted her head, her expression thoughtful. "So, it's like when you stay up late to help me with my homework, even though you're really tired? Or when Mom gives up her favorite dessert so I can have it?"

Ryan chuckled. "Those are small examples, but they show how love sacrifices for others. God's love is even bigger. He gave up Jesus, His only Son, so that we could have eternal life with Him."

Alice hugged Mr. Fluffernutter tightly, her eyes wide. "So, it's like when I let Sarah play with Fluffernutter, even though I really don't want to?"

Ryan smiled warmly. "Exactly, Alice. Sacrificial love means giving something up for someone else, even when it's hard. And God's love for us is the greatest example of that. He gave Jesus to take away our sins and bring us back to Him."

Ariel looked down, her voice soft. "God loves us so much that He gave us the greatest gift of all—His Son. And we didn't even do anything to deserve it."

Ryan nodded. "That's the beauty of it, Ariel. It's not about what we do; it's about what God has already done for us. His love is unconditional, and He invites us to believe in Jesus and accept His gift of

eternal life." The Israelites were saved by trusting God's provision of the bronze serpent, just as we are saved by trusting in Jesus' sacrifice.

Then, Jesus said the words that are perhaps the most famous in all of Scripture: "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." (John 3:16). Ariel's eyes widened as she heard this, the weight of those words sinking in. "God loved us that much?" she whispered, her voice filled with awe. This verse summarizes the entire gospel message—God's love for the world, His sacrifice in sending His Son, and the offer of eternal life to anyone who believes in Jesus.

Ariel's eyes widened with understanding. "So, Jesus was saying that God sent Him to save us, and that by believing in Him, we can have eternal life—we don't have to perish." She looked down, her expression softening. "It's like God gave us the greatest gift because He loves us so much."

"Yes," Ryan said. "John 3:16 is the heart of the gospel—God's love for us is so great that He gave His Son to die for our sins. And the only thing we need to do to receive this gift of eternal life is to believe in Jesus and accept Him into our hearts. It's not about what we can do; it's about trusting in what Jesus has already done for us."

Ariel smiled, feeling the weight of this truth. "So, God sent Jesus because He loved us so much. And through Jesus, we can have new life and live with God forever."

The Purpose of Jesus' Coming: Salvation, Not Condemnation (John 3:17-21)

Jesus explained further, saying, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17). His voice softened, as though inviting those who heard Him to step into something far greater than they could imagine. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (John 3:19-21). The imagery of light pierced through Nicodemus' heart. The thought of stepping into the light evoked a mixture of yearning and fear within him. The light offered warmth, clarity, and hope, but it also exposed the hidden corners of the heart.

Nicodemus' gaze lowered as he wrestled with Jesus' words. The weight of his position as a Pharisee and the hidden doubts he carried seemed heavier in the dimly lit room. As he turned to leave, his steps were slow and deliberate, the flickering lamplight casting long shadows across his path. Each shadow seemed to mirror the conflict within him—caught between the safety of tradition and the beckoning truth of Jesus' words.

His thoughts swirled as he walked into the night. The cool air wrapped around him, carrying with it the quiet hum of the sleeping city. Enlightenment and confusion fought for dominance in his heart. "Could it be true? Could the Messiah truly be here, offering a new way to know God?" he wondered. The darkness of the streets seemed to echo his own uncertainty, while the faint glow of distant lamps hinted at the light Jesus spoke of—warm, inviting, and full of hope.

Nicodemus paused under the canopy of stars, their light distant yet persistent. As he stood in the quiet stillness, the words of Jesus lingered in his heart, planting seeds of faith he didn't yet fully understand. The image of stepping into the light resonated deeply, stirring a longing within him to know more. He thought of the wind Jesus described—unseen, yet undeniable in its presence. Perhaps, he mused, his own journey of faith would begin here, small and uncertain, like a seed waiting for its season to grow. He felt the faintest glimmer of hope that this newfound understanding would one day blossom into something greater.

Meanwhile, back in the present, Ariel reflected on Nicodemus' struggle. "It's amazing how Jesus' words planted seeds in Nicodemus' heart. He didn't understand everything at first, but it started something inside him."

Ryan nodded. "Exactly, Ariel. Nicodemus didn't have all the answers that night, but he walked away with the beginnings of faith. Later in the Gospels, we see him standing up for Jesus and even helping with His burial. It shows how faith can grow gradually, like a garden blooming in its season."

Alice, clutching Mr. Fluffernutter, chimed in with a smile. "So, faith is like when we plant sunflowers! It takes time, but then they grow really tall and strong."

Ryan chuckled. "That's a perfect analogy, Alice. Faith starts small, but when we nurture it by trusting Jesus and seeking His truth, it grows into something beautiful and strong."

Ariel leaned back thoughtfully. "It's comforting to know that faith doesn't have to happen all at once. It can grow little by little as we learn more about Jesus and trust Him more."

"That's exactly right," Ryan said. "Just like Nicodemus, we're all on a journey. And Jesus is patient with us, guiding us step by step into the light."

Meanwhile, in the present, Ariel reflected on Nicodemus' struggle. "It must have been so hard for him," she said softly. "He was torn between what he'd always known and this amazing new truth Jesus was showing him."

Ryan nodded. "Yes, Ariel. Nicodemus represents many of us—wrestling with fear, doubt, and the unknown. But Jesus didn't push him away. He invited Nicodemus into the light, offering him the chance to see the truth and find freedom."

In the present, Ariel's voice broke the silence. "It's kind of scary to think about everything being exposed in the light," she admitted. "But I also love how Jesus said the light brings hope and truth."

Ryan nodded. "It's true, Ariel. Stepping into the light can feel intimidating because it means being honest with ourselves and with God. But the light is where we find healing, forgiveness, and freedom. It's where Jesus meets us with His love."

Alice, clutching Mr. Fluffernutter, piped up. "The light is warm, like when the sun comes out after a storm! It makes everything feel better."

Ryan chuckled. "That's a great way to think about it, Alice. The light of Jesus' love brings warmth and life to our hearts. It shows us the truth but also shows us the way to live in that truth."

“Yes,” Ryan said. “Jesus’ mission was one of redemption. He came to show us God’s love and to offer the gift of salvation to everyone who would believe in Him. And when we believe in Him, we are born again—transformed from the inside out, with a new heart and new life.”

Ariel smiled, feeling the depth of God’s love. “So, Jesus didn’t just come to teach or to perform miracles. He came to save us—to give us new life in God’s Kingdom.”

“That’s exactly it,” Ryan said. “And the best part is, this salvation is available to everyone. No matter who we are or what we’ve done, Jesus offers us the chance to be born again and to live with Him forever.”

Ryan then shared a personal story: “I remember when I truly understood what it meant to be 'born again.' I was struggling with some mistakes I had made, feeling like I wasn’t good enough for God. Then one day, I prayed, asking Jesus to change my heart. I felt such peace wash over me, like I was being made new. It wasn’t anything I could have done myself—just like Jesus said, it was the work of the Holy Spirit changing me from the inside. That’s why I know what Jesus said to Nicodemus is true—it’s not about being perfect, it’s about trusting Him to transform us.”

Ariel’s eyes sparkled with empathy. “So even when we feel like we’re not good enough, Jesus can still give us new life?”

“Yes, exactly,” Ryan said. “No matter how we feel or what we’ve done, Jesus invites us to come to Him and be born again. It’s about trusting His love for us.”

Reflection: The Gift of New Life

Back in the garage, the Time Audit Machine powered down, the hum slowly fading into silence. The familiar scent of motor oil filled the air, and the dim lighting made the transition from the past to the present feel even more profound. Ariel glanced at her father, her heart full of wonder at what they had just witnessed, while Alice hugged Mr. Fluffernutter close, lost in her own thoughts. Ariel turned to her father, her heart full of wonder at the gift of salvation and spiritual rebirth.

“Jesus really made it simple,” Ariel said softly. “We don’t have to work hard or earn it. We just have to believe in Him and trust that He gives us new life through the Holy Spirit.” She smiled, a sense of peace washing over her. “It’s comforting to know that it’s not about what we do, but about what Jesus has already done for us.”

“Yes,” Ryan said, smiling. “Being born again is about receiving the gift of new life that only Jesus can offer. It’s not about what we can do, but about accepting what Jesus has already done for us.”

Ariel smiled, feeling the peace that comes with this understanding. “Jesus came to give us life—and not just any life, but eternal life with God.”

“That’s right,” Ryan said. “Through Jesus, we are given the opportunity to be born again into the Kingdom of God, where we can experience His love, grace, and eternal life. All we have to do is believe and receive it.”

Takeaway: Being Born Again and the Gift of Eternal Life

In John 3:1-21, Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the necessity of spiritual rebirth to enter the Kingdom of God. He explains that this new birth comes through the Holy Spirit and is a transformation that leads to eternal life. Jesus offers the world salvation through His sacrifice, and the famous verse John 3:16 shows the heart of God's redemptive plan—God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to offer eternal life to all who believe. The call to be born again is a call to experience God's grace, love, and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

The family then spent time reflecting together on what being "born again" meant in their daily lives. Ryan began by asking, "Can you think of a time when you felt renewed or changed by your faith?"

Ariel thought for a moment and said, "I remember when I was really scared about that big math test, and we prayed together. I felt so much calmer after that, like I could trust God to help me. It's like I had a fresh start to try my best without fear."

Ryan nodded. "That's a great example, Ariel. Being born again means trusting Jesus to guide and transform us, even in everyday moments."

Alice, holding Mr. Fluffernutter, raised her hand dramatically. "Mr. Fluffernutter says being born again is like when I decide to forgive Ariel for taking my crayons, even though I really, really didn't want to!"

Everyone chuckled, and Ryan said, "That's actually a wonderful example, Alice. Forgiving someone can feel like a small act, but it shows how God's love is working in your heart."

Ariel smiled at her sister. "It's like when I share my favorite markers with you. It's hard sometimes, but it makes me feel happy to see you smile."

Ryan added, "Being born again means letting the Holy Spirit guide our choices, so we reflect Jesus' love in all we do—big or small. Let's think of some specific ways we can step into the light and live out this new life in Jesus."

Ariel spoke up thoughtfully. "We could show kindness to someone who's feeling left out at school. Like when I invited Mia to sit with me at lunch because she looked lonely. It felt good to make her smile."

Ryan nodded. "That's a beautiful example, Ariel. Reaching out to others with kindness reflects God's love and shows that we're walking in His light."

Alice, twirling Mr. Fluffernutter in her hands, added, "And I can be brave, like standing up for Emma when some kids were being mean to her on the playground. It's scary, but I know Jesus would want me to help."

Ryan smiled warmly. "That's courage, Alice, and it's a wonderful way to step into the light. Standing up for what's right, even when it's hard, shows the strength that comes from trusting Jesus."

Ariel leaned forward, her voice earnest. "And maybe we can pray for guidance when we don't know what to do, like when I was nervous about that math test. It's like asking God to shine His light on the path we should take."

Ryan placed a hand on Ariel's shoulder. "Exactly. Praying for guidance is a powerful way to invite Jesus' light into our lives. It helps us trust Him, even when the way forward feels uncertain."

Alice giggled, hugging Mr. Fluffernutter close. "Then I'll make sure Mr. Fluffernutter prays too! He needs to know the right path."

The family laughed together, their hearts lightened by the warmth of their conversation. Through their reflections, they realized that living out the idea of stepping into the light wasn't about grand gestures, but about small, everyday choices to reflect God's love and truth. The lesson of being born again became a tangible, joyful reality they could carry with them into their daily lives.

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Interactive Reflections

1. Jesus said we must be born again to see the Kingdom of God. What does it mean for your heart and life to be made new?
2. Think about the wind that Jesus mentioned—it's invisible, but you can feel its effects. How have you felt the Holy Spirit working in your life?
3. John 3:16 says that God loved the world so much He sent His Son for us. How does this truth make you feel about God's love?
4. Jesus came to save, not condemn. How can this truth help you share God's love with others?

Songs or Poetry

Children's Poem: "Born Again"

*"Nicodemus came to Jesus one night,
Seeking the truth, to see the light.
'Born again,' Jesus said with care,
'By water and Spirit, God meets you there.'

The wind of the Spirit moves unseen,
Giving new life, fresh and clean.
God loved the world—He gave His Son,
Believe in Jesus, and new life's begun!"*

Mr. Fluffernutter's Perspective

"Oh, hello, readers! Mr. Fluffernutter here! Did you hear what Jesus said about being born again? At first, Nicodemus was super confused—kind of like me when Alice says we're having invisible carrots for dinner. But then Jesus explained that it's about being made new in your heart, like a fresh start! What do you think it feels like to have a brand-new heart from God? Leave your thoughts below—let's figure it out together!"

Ariel's Journal Reflection

"Today, we learned about Nicodemus and what it means to be born again. At first, I thought it sounded a little strange—how can someone be born twice? But Jesus wasn't talking about our bodies; He was talking about our hearts. I realized that being born again means letting the Holy Spirit make us new on the inside, so we can live in God's Kingdom. It's not about being perfect or following a list of rules—it's about trusting Jesus to change us and give us a new life. That makes me think about times when I've needed a fresh start, and how Jesus is always there to help me begin again."

Alice's Reflection with Mr. Fluffernutter

Alice cuddled Mr. Fluffernutter, her eyes twinkling with wonder. "Fluffy, did you hear what Jesus said about the wind? He said it's like the Holy Spirit—you can't see it, but you know it's there. Do you think it's like when I know you love me, even though you don't say anything? I think being born again is like feeling a big hug in your heart from Jesus. He loves us so much, Fluffy!" She held him up and whispered, "Let's remember to trust Jesus to help us start fresh every day!"

KJV Scripture

- **John 3:3:** *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*
- **John 3:5:** *"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."*
- **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."*
- **John 3:17:** *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*