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**The Cross Easter Series, Part 1 [March 13/14 Notes]**

1. Nicodemus was a devout religious man but not satisfied.
2. Religion deals with the exterior of a person's life but not with the heart.
3. Jesus came to deal with the heart of man. He was real and authentic, and people were drawn to Him.
4. Even though Nicodemus was a religious leader, he was searching for more.

**John 3:1-6 (NLT)**

5. Religion blinds a person's eyes to the truth.
6. Religion will not believe unless there is an explanation; but to come to God a person has to believe by faith from the heart.
7. We didn't have anything to do with our first birth, in the same way we have nothing to do with the second birth. God prepared our hearts by sending the right people, the right circumstances, and the right word at just the right time to show us our need of Him.

**John 3:7-8 (NLT), John 3:9-15 (NLT); Numbers 21:4-9 (NKJV)**

8. The people got discouraged and impatient and complained about God's provision.
9. Speaking against God's provision opened the door for evil and took them out of God's protection.

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10. The bronze serpent lifted up on a pole was a type of Jesus on the cross.
11. All the people had to do to be healed was to look at the bronze serpent.

**II Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV); Matthew 27:45-46 (NKJV)**

12. The snake-bitten Israelites found healing by looking at the pole; sinners find salvation by looking to Christ. Look and live!

**John 3:15 (NKJV)**

13. Jesus says, "Only believe." **Mark 5:21-23, 35-36 (NKJV)**

We trust the work of the light switch, so we flip it. We regularly trust power we cannot see to do a work we cannot accomplish.

14. Jonah prayed in the fish's belly, "Salvation is of the Lord."

**Jonah 2:9 (NKJV), Jonah 2:2 (NKJV)**

15. We need to humble ourselves like Nicodemus did and recognize our need – lay aside our pride – realize our only hope is in Jesus.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)** *Saved* means "heal, deliver, protect, to make whole, to do well, to have peace."

**John 7:50-52 (NLT), John 19:38-42 (NLT), John 8:23-30 (NLT)**

**Weekly Bible Reading [March 14-20]**

This week, be intentional to continue your Bible reading. Consider reading along with Pastor Sam....

- **Sunday** Psalm 73, Proverbs 14, John 5, Acts 17, II Thessalonians 3
- **Monday** Psalm 74, Proverbs 15, John 6, Acts 18, I Timothy 1
- **Tuesday** Psalm 75, Proverbs 16, John 7, Acts 19, I Timothy 2
- **Wednesday** Psalm 76, Proverbs 17, John 8, Acts 20, I Timothy 3
- **Thursday** Psalm 77, Proverbs 18, John 9, Acts 21, I Timothy 4
- **Friday** Psalm 78, Proverbs 19, John 10, Acts 22, I Timothy 5
- **Saturday** Psalm 79, Proverbs 20, John 11, Acts 23, I Timothy 6