

## John 3:9 – 22

New American Standard Version

1 Nicodemus said to Him, How can these things  
2 be? Jesus answered and said to him, Are you  
3 the teacher of Israel and do not understand  
4 these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we  
5 speak of what we know and testify of what  
6 we have seen, and you do not accept our  
7 testimony. If I told you earthly things and  
8 you do not believe, how will you believe if I  
9 tell you heavenly things? No one has  
10 ascended into heaven, but He who descended  
11 from heaven: the Son of Man. As Moses  
12 lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even  
13 so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that  
14 whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.  
15 For God so loved the world, that He gave His  
16 only begotten Son, that whoever believes in  
17 Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.  
18 For God did not send the Son into the world  
19 to judge the world, but that the world might  
20 be saved through Him. He who believes in  
21 Him is not judged; he who does not believe  
22 has been judged already, because he has not  
23 believed in the name of the only begotten  
24 Son of God. This is the judgment, that the  
25 Light has come into the world, and men loved  
26 the darkness rather than the Light, for their  
27 deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil  
28 hates the Light, and does not come to the  
29 Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.  
30 But he who practices the truth comes to the  
31 Light, so that his deeds may be manifested  
32 as having been wrought in God. After these  
33 things Jesus and His disciples came into the  
34 land of Judea, and there He was spending  
35 time with them and baptizing.

*As you read through the passage, what questions come to your mind?*

*In this familiar passage, do you see anything new or surprising, or anything that seems different from previous readings?*

*What observations (unusual words or phrases, repetitions, contrasts, comparisons, etc.) are helpful in understanding the passage better?*

*Assume you are leading the group discussion on Sunday. What questions (not what lecture!) would you use to help others discover what you are seeing? How will you help them through the steps of Observation, Interpretation, and Application?*

*After you have studied the passage for a while, what questions do you still have that you want input on from the group?*

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*Questions for further thinking:*