

Sermon Listening Guide (April 5, 2026)

Scripture: John 3:1-16

Sermon Title: “Born Again”

First Thoughts

The most well-known verse in the Bible (John 3:16) comes from Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus.

The work of Jesus is perfectly described in that verse.

The Perfect Candidate!

As a Pharisee, Nicodemus seems to be the perfect religious man.

He keeps the rules and is well-respected by the people of Israel.

At the same time, Nicodemus seems to know that he needs Jesus’ help or advice.

No amount of service or donations will get you to heaven.

Even being a moral man/woman or a rule-follower will not get you there.

Not Enough

To give Nicodemus credit, he seems to know his limitations and needs.

Matthew 5:20 tells us the even the righteousness of Pharisees does not meet God’s standards.

Mankind is good at backsliding into sin and “missing the mark.”

“Born Again” Means Renewal

As smart as Nicodemus is, he is confused by the expression “Born Again.”

In John 3, Jesus gives a detailed explanation of the expression.

Being “Born Again” implies renewal and that a change has been made on the inside.

Through the act of baptism, we re-enact Jesus’ resurrection and illustrate being “Born Again.”

Final Thoughts

Nicodemus is seen again in John 7 and John 19.

It does not matter if you are like Nicodemus or a felon, you need to be “Born Again.”

What keeps you from being “Born Again” today?