

Jesus assured Nicodemus and us, that God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17).

Fill in the blanks:

7. John 3:19,20,21, And this is the _____, that _____ is come into the world, and men loved _____ rather than _____, because their deeds were _____.

For everyone that doeth _____ hateth the _____, neither cometh to the _____, lest his deeds should be _____.

But he that _____ to the _____, that his deeds may be made manifest, _____ are _____ in _____.

This then is the cardinal sin, that men prefer to live on in condemnation and darkness rather than follow Him who is the 'Light of the World'.

Jesus came for those who would choose Light over darkness.

TENTH STUDY

TEMPLE CLEANSING AT JERUSALEM (John 2:13-25)

Another annual Passover had come, which led Jesus up to Jerusalem. He had learned of the corruption of the court, and the hour had arrived, at His Father's command, that He should take action. The Jewish nation and leaders had gotten so low in their religious life they didn't hesitate to desecrate the temple of God. They were using the temple court as a marketplace.

People needed animals to make their sacrifices, but these animals were a desecration in the very presence of divine sanctuary. Also, the people buying the animals were being cheated through the money changers.

1. What did Jesus call His house in Luke 19:46?

2. What are the money changers called in Luke 19:46; Jeremiah 7:11? _____ and _____
3. Read this account in John 2:15. What weapon did Jesus use to drive them all out of the temple?

Immediately, the prophecy of David in Psalm 69:9 came to the disciple's minds: *the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up*; (John 2:17).

4. What was the only protest the Jews made? (John 2:18) _____

Jesus answered them by saying, *Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*

5. (a) What did the Jews think Jesus was talking about? (John 2:20) _____
(b) What question did they ask Him in this same verse? _____

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6. They were thinking of a natural temple, but Jesus was speaking of something else. What was He prophesying? (John 2:21,22) _____

Many believed when they saw the miracles he did there in Jerusalem, but John 2:24 says He didn't commit Himself unto them; He didn't tell them He was the Messiah, and would offer-up Himself as the great Lamb of God, for He knew how the Jews would react at such a revelation.

7. What is said Jesus, knew in John 2:25? _____

JESUS AND THE TWO BIRTHS (John 3:1-21)

1. What time of day did Nicodemus come to Jesus? (John 3:2) _____
2. Jesus answered Nicodemus with a statement that has become the very base of the gospel itself. What was it? (John 3:3) _____

3. There is another famous text found in John 3:16. Memorize it and say it in class, or a friend.

Nicodemus apparently did not understand the new birth, which is spiritual. Christ patiently explained a "birth of the Spirit" (John 3:6). He explained, you have to be born of the Spirit to enter into the kingdom of God.

4. In John 3:8, what illustration did Jesus use to explain the birth of the Spirit? _____

Jesus was surprised at Nicodemus being a master of Israel, and not knowing these things; because if he had comprehended the Old Testament Scriptures, he would have known them. Then Jesus gave Nicodemus a glance at heavenly things: that He, Jesus had come down from heaven - that heaven was the domain in which He lived. (Read John 5:19,20 also).

5. What did Jesus reveal about His future when He said to Nicodemus, Even so must the Son of man be lifted up? (John 3:14,15; 12:32) Explain this in your own words. _____

6. Of what is Numbers 21:5-9 a symbol? _____

