

Born Once but ***NOT*** Born Again

TWO ENCOUNTERS • TWO RESPONSES • ONE JESUS



BORN ONCE
(Natural Birth)

A new life begins physically.



THE TRANSFORMATION
(Born Again)

A hidden work by the Holy Spirit that changes us from the inside out.



A NEW CREATION
(Eternal Life)

*A transformed life that reflects Christ.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

NICODEMUS

A SEEKER WHO CAME TO JESUS

KEY SCRIPTURES

- John 3:1-2
- John 3:3-8
- John 3:16
- John 7:50-51
- John 19:38-40

Nicodemus was a respected religious leader who came to Jesus at night seeking truth. He asked honest questions, listened to Jesus, and was taught about being born again. Over time, his faith grew, and he became bold, eventually defending Jesus and helping prepare His body for burial.

"Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"
(John 3:3)

JUDAS ISCARIOT

A FOLLOWER WHO TURNED AWAY

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 10:1-4
- Luke 22:3-6
- John 12:4-6
- Matthew 26:14-16
- Matthew 27:3-5

Judas was one of the twelve disciples and was close to Jesus. He saw the miracles, heard the truth, and had many opportunities to believe. However, his heart was divided by the love of money, and he chose betrayal over true faith, which led to remorse and his death.

"Then Satan entered into Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve."
(Luke 22:3)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BELIEVER?

A believer is someone who trusts in Jesus, is born again, and follows Him.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE?

To believe means to place your trust in Jesus as the Son of God, who died for your sins and rose again. It is more than just acknowledging that He existed or agreeing with facts about Him. True belief means turning from sin, trusting in Jesus alone for salvation, and committing your life to Him.

John 3:16 – *Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 1:12 – *To all who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BORN AGAIN?

To be born again means to receive a new spiritual life from God through the Holy Spirit. It is a supernatural transformation where God changes your heart, gives you a new desire to follow Him, and makes you a new creation. It is not a physical birth, but a spiritual birth that brings you into God's family and gives you eternal life.

John 3:3 – *You must be born again.*
John 3:5 – *Born of water and the Spirit.*
2 Corinthians 5:17 – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

To follow Jesus means to make Him the Lord of your life, to obey His Word, and to live each day in a growing relationship with Him. It means surrendering your own way, seeking to do what He says, and walking by the power of the Holy Spirit. Following Jesus is a daily decision to trust, obey, and live like Him.

Luke 9:23 – *Take up your cross daily and follow Him.*
John 14:15 – *If you love Me, keep My commands.*
Matthew 16:24 – *Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny himself and follow Me.*

SIGNS OF A TRUE BELIEVER



- A changed heart – 2 Corinthians 5:17
- A desire to know God – Psalm 27:4
- Obedience to His Word – John 14:21
- A growing relationship with Jesus – 1 John 2:3-6
- A love for others – 1 John 3:14
- Evidence of the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23
- Perseverance through trials – 1 Peter 1:6-7

REFLECTION & APPLICATION



1. What do you learn from Nicodemus's journey?
2. What warning do you see in Judas's story?
3. How do these two encounters help you understand what it truly means to be a believer or to be born again?
4. What is one step you can take this week to grow in your faith?