

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 5  
New Birth  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family.

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### Opening

What details do you know about your own birth?

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [John 3:1-9](#).

1. How would you explain to someone who isn't a follower of Christ what it means to be *born again*?
  2. What is the significance of the *water and the Spirit* ([vs. 5](#))?
  3. Why did Nicodemus find Jesus' words so difficult to believe?
  4. What does [verse 8](#) mean?
- Compare [John 3:10-15](#) with [Numbers 21:1-9](#).
5. How is the crucifixion of Jesus like putting the snake on the pole?
  6. What is Jesus communicating about Himself ([vs. 14-15](#))?

Read [John 3:16-21](#).

7. Why did God send Jesus into the world? *Don't rush through this because you know the right answer*. What does this mean to you personally, *today*?
8. What are some ways you've experienced new life in Jesus?
9. In what areas of your life do you still need *new life* from Jesus?
10. What is your favorite truth about this week's teaching?

**For further study**, see what else you can learn about new birth in [Ezekiel 36:24-27](#) and [John 1:10-13](#).

### Soul Training

Each day this week, pray for at least one person who needs to be born again. Ask the Father to send His Spirit to give that person new life. Use this prayer time to build the *practice of dependence on God* into your daily life.

### Memory Verse

*For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.* [John 3:16-17 \(HCSB\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Jan 30	25		<a href="#">John 2:1-11</a>
Jan 31	26, 27		<a href="#">John 2:12-25</a>
Feb 1	28		<a href="#">John 3:1-21</a>
Feb 2	29, 30		<a href="#">John 3:22-36</a>
Feb 3	31		<a href="#">Matthew 14:1-5</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 6:17-20</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 3:19-20</a>

### Prepare for Next Sunday

The main passage for February 5 is [John 4:5-44](#) (Reading #33 in *The Life of Jesus*).