

# SNAKE BIT

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## NICODEMUS WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A PRIVATE LESSON THAT HAS BECOME JESUS' MOST FAMOUS STATEMENT

*For God so loved the world that he gave his **one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

### BEFORE THAT JESUS SAID: JOHN 3:14-15

*<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."*

### THE "SNAKE IN THE WILDERNESS"—NUMBERS 24:4-9

- **A SNAKE-BIT PEOPLE PRAY FOR MERCY**
- **GOD ANSWERED THEIR PRAYER, KIND OF**

*<sup>8</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.*

### AFTER THAT JESUS SAID: JOHN 3:17-21

*<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

### THE SNAKE BIT PEOPLE WERE ALREADY DYING

### JESUS WAS RAISED UP SO PEOPLE COULD LOOK TO HIM TO BE SAVED

*<sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

*<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done through God.*

**EVIL DOERS AVOID LIGHT BECAUSE IT EXPOSES THEM  
TRUTH LIVERS EMBRACE LIGHT BECAUSE IT  
REVEALS GOD**

### THE VERDICT

### IS JESUS THE ONE?

**NICODEMUS TAKES THE STAND BUT JESUS  
ANNOUNCES THE VERDICT:**

*"LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD."*

- *IT'S NOT MY JUDGMENT THAT WILL DETERMINE IF YOU ARE CONDEMNED. YOU ALREADY ARE.*
- *IT'S NOT YOUR JUDGMENT THAT WILL DETERMINE IF I'M THE LIGHT. I AM.*
- *IT'S HOW YOU RESPOND THAT WILL DETERMINE IF YOU ARE RESCUED*

*No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side has made him known.*

John 1:18

**GOD IS HOLY AND CONDEMNS SIN**

**GOD IS LOVING AND OFFERS MERCY**

**THOSE WHO LOOK TO THE SON ARE SPARED  
DESTRUCTION AND GET LIFE**