

# Revelation 4: The New Birth

## John 03: 01–15

### 1. *The setting:*

#### *Nicodemus approached Jesus*

- a. He came  
on behalf of the religionists: “We”
- b. He acknowledged Jesus  
only as a teacher from God
- c. He asked, “Who are you?”

### 2. *The new birth:*

#### *A necessity*

- a. The strong assertion
- b. The importance:  
A person can never see God’s kingdom  
unless he is born again

### 3. *The new birth:*

#### *A spiritual event*

- a. Its source: Being  
born of the Spirit
- b. Its importance repeated:  
No one can enter God’s kingdom  
unless he is born again
- c. Its nature:  
Spiritual,  
not physical or material
- d. Its absolute necessity:  
Reemphasized
- e. Its illustration:  
The wind

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus,  
a member of the Jewish ruling council.

2 He came to Jesus at night  
and said,  
“Rabbi,  
we know you are a teacher  
who has come from God.  
For no one could perform  
the miraculous signs you are doing  
if God were not with him.”

3 In reply Jesus declared,  
“I tell you the truth,  
no one can see the kingdom of God  
unless he is born again.”

4 “How can a man be born when he is old?”  
Nicodemus asked.  
“Surely he cannot enter a second time  
into his mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered “I tell you the truth,  
no one can enter the kingdom of God  
unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh,  
but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

7 You should not be surprised at my saying,  
‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows wherever it pleases.  
You hear its sound,  
but you cannot tell where it comes from  
or where it is going.  
So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

**4. The new birth:**

***A true experience***

a. Nicodemus' heart touched

b. Jesus' strong assertion:

We know;  
we have seen

**5. The new birth:**

***Rejected***

a. Some did not accept the testimony

b. The reason:

Man's nature of unbelief

**6. The new birth:**

***Revealed only by Jesus***

a. His origin:

Heaven

b. His timeless experience:

"From heaven"

**7. The new birth:**

***Secured by two acts***

a. By Jesus' death

b. By believing in Jesus

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus,  
"and do you not understand these things?"

11 I tell you the truth,  
we speak of what we know,  
and we testify to what we have seen,  
but still you people do not accept our testimony.

12 I have spoken to you of earthly things  
and you do not believe;  
how then will you believe  
if I speak of heavenly things?

13 No one has ever gone into heaven  
except the one who came from heaven  
- the Son of Man.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert,  
so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 That everyone who believes in him  
may have eternal life.