

John 2.23-3.21

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"When a man is one of the People of the Land, entrust no money to him, take no testimony from him. trust him with no secret, do not appoint him guardian of an orphan, do not make him the custodian of charitable funds, do not accompany him on a journey."

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John 2:1-11 (water to wine)

John 4:46-54 (healing of official's son)

John 5: 1-14 (healing of paralysed man)

John 6: 1-15 (feeding 5000 people)

John 6:16-21 (walking on water)

John 9:1-12 (healing of a blind man)

John 11:38-44 (raising Lazarus from death)

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- *He needs new birth*
- *The kingdom of God is NOW*
- *No automatic entry*
- *Entry appears impossible*
- *He is not much good as a teacher*

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

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Recognise what matters

Do what Jesus says

46 “No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards replied.

47 “You mean he has deceived you also?” the Pharisees retorted.

48 “Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them.”

*5⁰ Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked,
5¹ “Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?”
5² They replied, “Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee.”*

John 7:46-54

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