

The Serpent Lifted Up

John 3:10-21

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The continuing conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus reached back into the _____ of Israel. The Master Teacher had pointed out that like there is the _____ of the physical, there is the law of the _____. Now He moves from an illustration in the realm of _____ phenomena to an illustration in the realm of historic _____.

A. The Story from History

1. Numbers 21

- _____ from the defiance and refusal of Edom
- _____ of Aaron and the mourning that followed
- _____ of Arad, the Canaanite

2. _____ against God

- The pressure of _____
- The _____ of the authority and character of God.

3. The _____ serpent

- In the _____ of the fiery (venomous) serpents
- Lifted by the _____ of the One they were insulting
- The command to _____
 - Yielded _____ to the One against Whom they rebelled
 - Look of _____ – a change of mind
 - Look of _____ – the activity of a changed heart

B. The Lesson from the Story

1. A great _____ revealed

- Serpent-_____ people

b. The lifting up was to attract attention to the _____.

c. A _____ decision had to be made.

2. A great _____ revealed

- John 3:16 - love for everyone, _____ just those who loved Him
- “The depth and intensity of God’s love is measured by the unworthiness of the objects, and the greatness of the Gift!” (James Smith)

3. Great _____ revealed (John 8:28; 12:32)

- Jesus on the cross suffering for the sin of the _____
- The way of _____ for fallen man is through the soul _____ of God.

4. Great _____ revealed

- John 3:16-17
- Whosoever believes will not _____.

5. Great _____ revealed to those who believe

- Deliverance from present _____
- Deliverance from _____ destruction
- _____ of present and eternal life

6. Great _____ (John 3:19-21)

- The choice between light or _____
- The choice between justification or _____
- The choice between the _____ of Christ or the opinions of deceitful man