



Hidden in Plain Sight Week #6 “Look and Live”

John 3:1-4 (NIV)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

John 3:13-15 (NIV)

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 wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

Numbers 21:4-9 (NIV)

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” ⁶ Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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.

4 truths from the snake on a pole:

1. We have all been bitten.

- The snake on a pole is a reminder that I will die without help from above.

2. Jesus becomes the snake.

- Jesus takes on the curse to heal us from the curse.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 3:13 (NIV)

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

- The snake on the pole was our substitute.

3. We look and we live.

- The snake on the pole reminds me of the unique offer of salvation.
- The snake on the pole reminds me of the universal offer of salvation.
- The snake on the pole reminds me that we trust in His means, not our merit.

John 3:15 (NIV)

...that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

4. There will always be signs of life.

John 19:39-40 (NIV)

He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

- The spiritually alive will always step out of the shadows.

Isaiah 45:22 (NKJ)

*Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other.*