



## John 3:14-22: The "In-Between Space"

### Introduction

Jesus's crucifixion lifts us from darkness. This passage explores the "in-between space"—a liminal state between old beliefs and new truths. Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, is in this transitional state; Jesus calls us out of these uncertain transitions into eternal life.

### Big Idea

Jesus guides us out of the in-between space.

### Key Themes

1. Look to the Lifted One (14-15): As Israelites looked to the serpent for healing, we look to Jesus on the cross for salvation. His "lifting up" signifies both crucifixion and glorification.
2. Trust the Gifted One (16-18): God's immense love led Him to sacrifice His only Son so humanity wouldn't perish. This echoes Abraham's sacrifice. Our "perishing" and "condemned" state highlights the gospel's urgency.
3. Live for Lighted One (19-22): Jesus provides "light." Sinners avoid this light because it exposes their evil deeds. Worldviews can be shaped by a desire to justify behavior. Like insects drawn to light for navigation and safety, we should be attracted to God's light for guidance and refuge.

### Conclusion:

Like Nicodemus, who eventually embraced Jesus, we are called to move out of the "in-between space" and into God's light, trusting in Him for salvation.