

# How to Be Saved Though Religious

John 3

(Sunday evening, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>)

1. Jesus stunned His religious audience in Matthew 23:15
2. Jesus projected His religious audience to the last day of judgment in Matthew 7:22

## I. Is it Possible to be Religious and Unsaved?

### *A. All Religions are not Right (3:1)*

1. Nicodemus was religious (he kept all the religious regulations as a Pharisee)
2. Nicodemus was wealthy
3. Nicodemus was influential (he was member of the Sanhedrin)
4. Nicodemus was the Teacher of religion

### *B. All Religions do not Satisfy (3:2)*

## II. Is it Possible for the Religious to be Saved?

### *A. The First Illustration: Physical Birth (The necessity of salvation) (3:3-7)*

In your first birth you were born below, once and for all and received life

### *B. The Second Illustration: Sovereign Wind (The means of salvation) (3:8-13)*

1. The wind is sovereign. We do not tell the wind what to do
2. The Holy Spirit is sovereign (John 16:17-18; 6:44)

### *C. The Third Illustration: Brazen Serpent (The object of salvation) (3:14-15)*

1. In Numbers 21, the dying had only to look and live
2. Today the dying sinner has only to look by faith and live
  - a. Know the Facts (Romans 10:4; 1 Corinthians 15:1 ff)
  - b. Believe the Facts (James 2:19)
  - c. Receive Christ (Romans 10:9; John 1:12)
  - d. Publically confess Christ (Romans 10:10; John 19:38-42)