



# TRINITY

JOHN 3:1-17

## Warm up question:

- What is the hardest thing about Christianity for non-Christians to understand?

## Read John 3:1-17

1. Who is Jesus talking to? What is his point?
2. Do you get the impression that Nicodemus actually wants to know the truth about Jesus? Or was he trying to trick him like some other Pharisees? (See also John 7:50-51 & John 19:39-42)
3. What reasons are given for God sending Jesus to dwell amongst us? (See 3:16-17)
4. Where can you see God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit in this passage?
5. What does John 3:1-17 tell us about the Trinity?

## Read Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 3:16, John 14:26, Acts 2:33, and 2 Corinthians 13:14.

6. Can you identify the three persons of the Trinity referred to in these verses?
7. What do these verses tell us about God?
8. What would we miss, if we didn't have the Trinity?
9. How can you draw on the doctrine of the Trinity to inform how you live and pray?
10. What could you say to someone who says: "The word Trinity isn't in the Bible, so the teaching is obviously false"? What evidence could you give them?

## Rubber hits the road:

- Spend some time pondering this prayer that was offered by The Rev. John Stott

*Good morning heavenly Father, good morning Lord Jesus, good morning Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, I worship you as the creator and sustainer of the universe. Lord Jesus, I worship you, Saviour and Lord of the world. Holy Spirit, I worship you, sanctifier of the people of God. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon me. Amen.*

