

Illustrations of Salvation, Part 3

"The Bronze Serpent" John 3: 1-18

Jesus makes reference to the story of the Serpent on a pole found in the book of Numbers 21:4-9.

A. This story in Numbers of the serpent on the pole was certainly familiar to Nicodemus.

1. It is a story of _____, for the nation rebelled against God and had to be punished.
2. It is also a story of _____, because Moses interceded for the people and God provided a remedy.
3. So, it is also a story of _____: When they looked by faith, they were saved.

B. The word "lifted up" has two meanings: to be _____ and to be _____. In his Gospel, John points out that our Lord's crucifixion was actually the means of His glorification.

C. The Solution to the serpent problem.

1. In the camp of Israel the solution to the "serpent problem" was not in _____ the serpents or making some medicine.
2. Neither was the solution _____ that the serpents were not there or passing anti-serpent laws or in climbing the pole.
3. The only answer was in _____ by _____ at the uplifted serpent!

Conclusion:

Have you looked to Jesus for your salvation? If not, you should do **so** right now!

If you already have been saved, have you and are you telling others about what to do with the bite of sin?

There are many people you know who are still suffering because of the deadly bite of sin. You must tell them how to look to Jesus and live.

You are their only hope because you know the answer.

Will you tell them so they too can live?