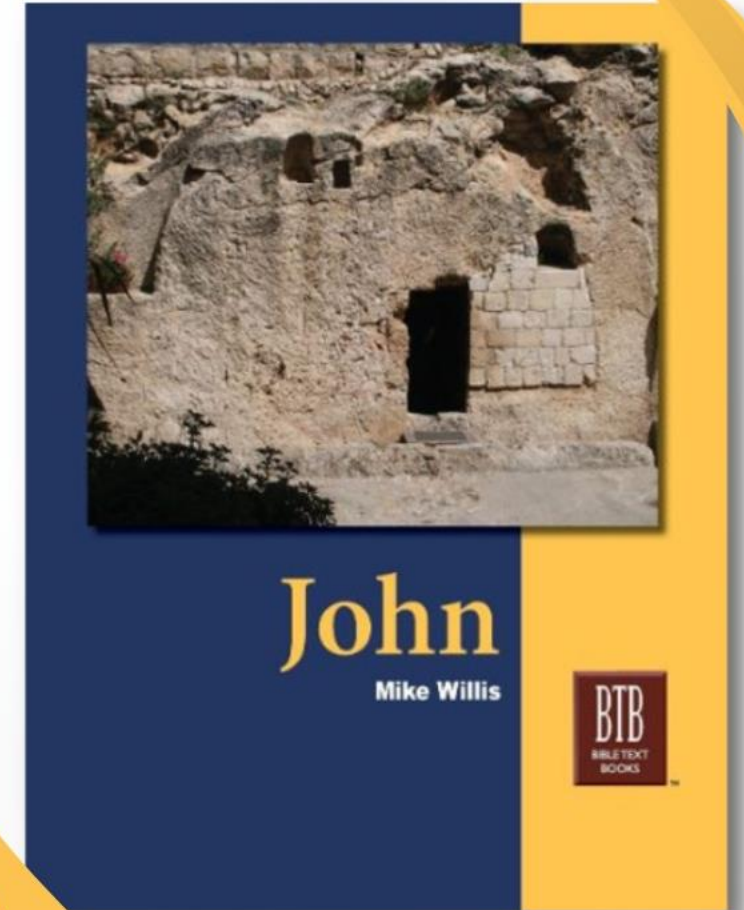


Lesson 5

Christ's Ministry to the World (3)

(3:1-36)



I. Jesus and Nicodemus (3:1-21)

- A. The contrast between those Jesus did not commit to and Nicodemus (vv. 1-2).
- B. Jesus teaches Nicodemus the conditions for entrance into the kingdom (vv. 3-8).
- C. Jesus responds to Nicodemus' confusion (vv. 9-15).
- D. John's commentary on Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus (vv. 16-21).

II. Jesus and John the Baptist (3:22-30)

- A. Jesus' and John's activity in baptizing (vv. 22-24).
- B. John's disciples' dispute with Jews about purification (vv. 25-26).
- C. John's answer of humility and deference (vv. 27-30).

III. John's Comments about He Who is Come from Heaven (3:31-36)

- A. The testimony of He who comes from above (vv. 31-32a).
- B. The rejection or reception of His testimony (vv. 32b-36).