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“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you?” — 2 Corinthians 13:5

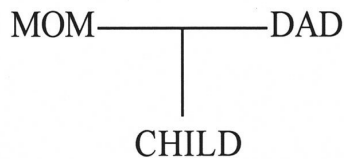
Maybe the best way to think of being born again is when people repent of their sin and believe in Jesus Christ, Jesus is born again in them through His Spirit. They become the new manger that holds the Savior.

Evening Encounter

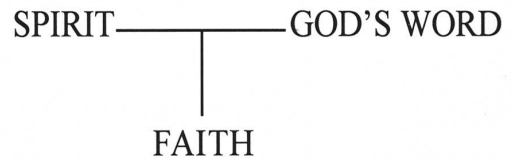
1. Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, came to see Jesus at night to avoid notice. Jesus told him about Eternal life with these words:

*“I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is **born again.**”* — John 3:3

Physical Birth



Spiritual Birth



2. Jesus tells Nicodemus:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” — John 3:16

Full-Time Followers

Simon Peter	Son of Jonas. Brother of Andrew. One of three key disciples. Fisherman from Bethsaida and partner with Andrew and James and John. Married. Stubborn and impulsive. Jesus named him Peter, which means “Rock.” Tradition claims he was crucified upside down in Rome during Nero’s reign. He wrote 1 and 2 Peter. Along with James and John, one of three central leaders.
Andrew	Peter’s brother, son of John. Fishing partner along with brother Peter and James and John. From Bethsaida. Disciple of John the Baptist. Some think he preached in Russia, Greece and Asia Minor. Some traditions say he was crucified on an X-shaped cross.

James	Son of Zebedee and brother of John. Fisherman and partner with brother John and Peter and Andrew. From Bethsaida. Killed by Herod Agrippa I. Was the first disciple to die. Only disciple whose death is recorded in the Bible. One of the three disciples, along with Peter and John, who were the central leaders.
John	Son of Zebedee and brother of James. Fisherman from Bethsaida and partner of James, Peter and Andrew. At the cross, Jesus gave him the responsibility of caring for his mother, Mary. John wrote the Gospel of John, 1, 2 and 3 John, and some scholars think he also wrote Revelation when he was a prisoner on the island of Patmos.
Philip	Born in Bethsaida. Often confused with Philip the evangelist from Acts 8-12. Brought Nathaniel (Bartholomew) to Jesus. Asked Jesus to show him the Father (John 14:8-9). Tradition states he did ministry in what is now the Ukraine and was crucified.
Bartholomew	Also called Nathaniel. From Cana in Galilee. Jesus called him "an Israelite in whom is no guile" when He first met him (John 1:47-48). Tradition suggests he was flayed alive in Armenia.
Matthew	Also called Levi. Son of Alphaeus from Capernaum. Some traditions say he ministered in Ethiopia, Persia and Macedonia. Likely martyred.
Thomas	Also called Didymus, which means "twin." Only disciple not present when the resurrected Lord first appeared to all the disciples together. He doubted their story, but a week later saw the resurrected Jesus and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" The church in parts of India claim him as their founder. Traditions suggest he was martyred by a spear in India.
James (son of Alphaeus)	Often confused with Jesus' brother who wrote the books of James. Some traditions claim he was killed in Jerusalem because of his faith.
Thaddaeus	Son of James. Gospels say almost nothing about him, except his father was James.
Simon (the zealot)	Was a revolutionary zealot (activist against Rome) before his conversion. Gospels say little about him. Tradition claims he preached in Persia.
Judas Iscariot	Son of Simon. Was the treasurer of the disciples who stole. He was paid by the religious leaders of Jerusalem to help them capture Jesus. He led the leaders to Jesus on Maundy Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Him. After Jesus' death, he was remorseful for what he had done and committed suicide after returning the thirty pieces of silver he had been paid. Was replaced by Matthias after Jesus' ascension in Acts 1.

"So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles." — Acts 1:23-26