

# The Bronze Serpent

John 3:1-21





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Numbers 21:4-9

Victory against the  
Canaanites (vv1-3)

Edom refused Israel  
passage

(Numbers 20:20-21)





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Numbers 21:4-9

The people were  
discouraged

The people murmur  
against God and  
Moses



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Numbers 21:4-9

They missed the  
“bounty” of Egypt?

Numbers 11:5

The Lord sends in  
the serpents and  
people die



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Numbers 21:4-9

The people pray for God  
to take away the  
serpents

God does not take them  
away





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Numbers 21:4-9

Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." (v8)



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Numbers 21:4-9

Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (v9)

The Power of  
God and the  
Will of God







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Numbers 21:4-9

What must a man do to be saved?

Verse 8

Was the promise fulfilled?

Verse 9

Could they ask God to heal them on the spot?

Could they believe with all their heart and be saved?

Could they plead for the grace of God and be saved?



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THE POWER OF GOD

THE WILL OF GOD

Noah – Genesis 6-9

Joshua and the city of Jericho – Joshua 6

Naaman and his leprosy – 2 Kings 5



## Jesus And Nicodemus

Why did Jesus use this story?

John 3:14-21

Is it possible (Power) for God to save someone by faith only?

YES

But that is not His will!

v21 – “deeds ... done in God”



## Jesus And Nicodemus

Can a man be saved being good?

Romans 5:18

Will of God Romans 6:1-4

Can a man be saved by faith alone?

Romans 10:8-9

Will of God James 2:17-26





## Jesus And Nicodemus

Can a man be saved without baptism?

It is within the Power of God ...

Will of God [Mark 16:16](#)

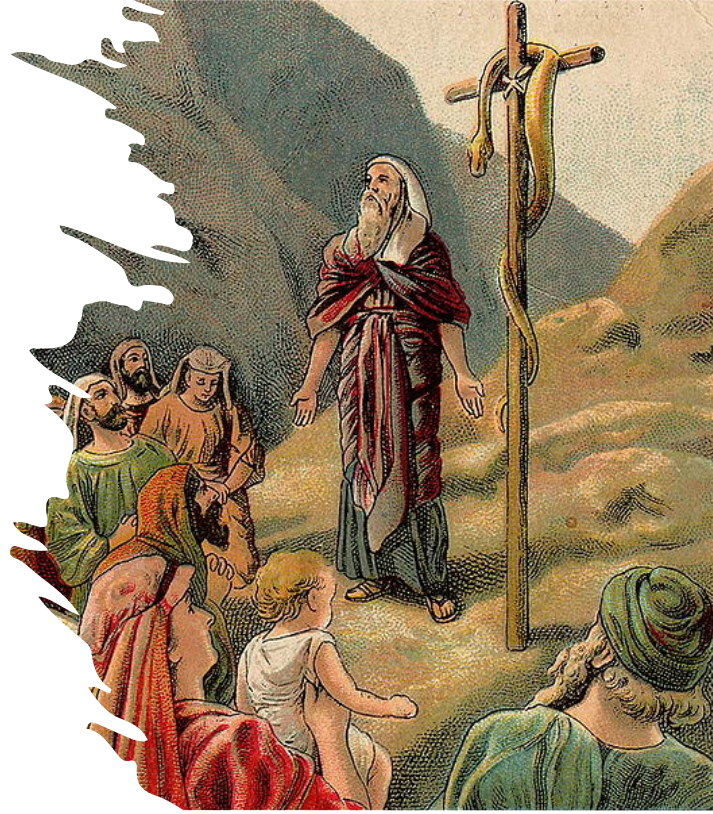
Can a man be saved without being in the church?

It is within the Power of God ...

Will of God [Acts 2:47](#); [Ephesians 1:3](#)



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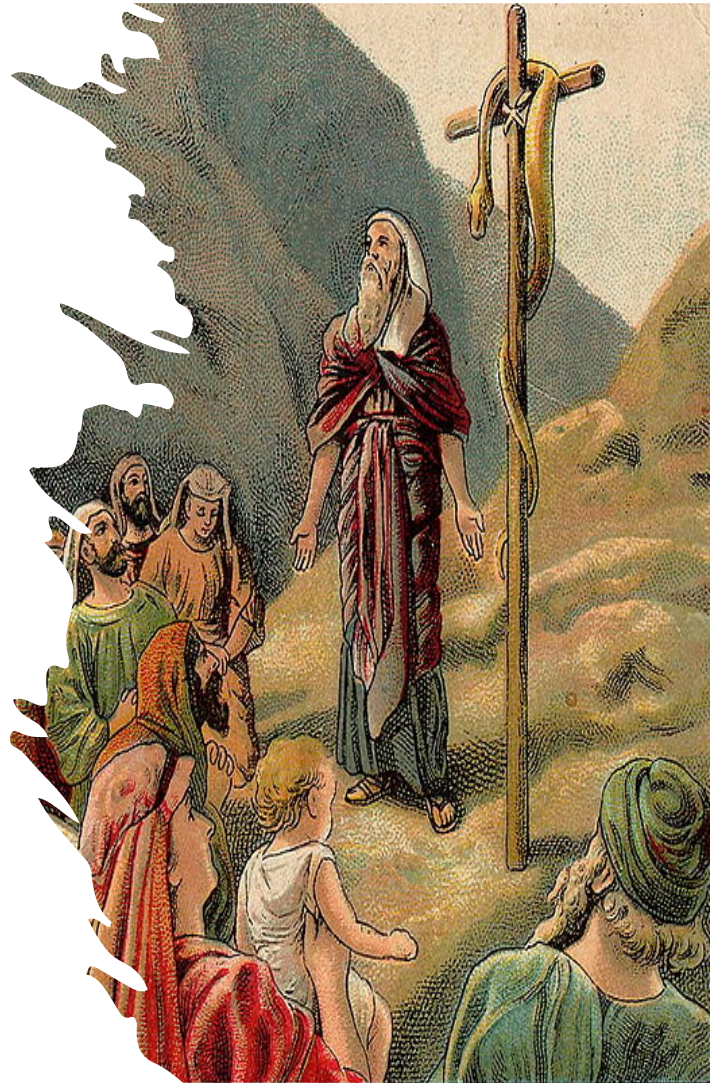
Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23



Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"

Matthew 7:21-23





And then I will declare to  
them, "I never knew you;  
depart from Me, you who  
practice lawlessness!"

Matthew 7:21-23





IN HIM YOU WERE ALSO CIRCUMCISED WITH THE  
CIRCUMCISION MADE WITHOUT HANDS, BY  
PUTTING OFF THE BODY OF THE SINS OF THE  
FLESH, BY THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, BURIED  
WITH HIM IN BAPTISM, IN WHICH YOU ALSO  
WERE RAISED WITH *HIM* THROUGH FAITH IN THE  
WORKING OF GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE  
DEAD. (COLOSSIANS 2:11-12)