

➤ Jesus was “*lifted up*” on the cross to give us e t e r n a l l i f e
(John 3:16, 36, 5:24; Gal 3:13; Rom 6:23; 1 John 5:11-13)

√ *Must be “lifted up”* – it was a d i v i n e n e c e s s i t y
(John 8:28; 12:32;34)

- *The Requirement:* Look and LIVE (John 1:29; 6:40)
 - Mankind became l o s t by a l o o k and in like manner lost sinners can be d e l i v e r e d by a l o o k
(Gen 3:6-7; Isa 45:22)

➤ Eternal life...

√ b e g i n s by looking (John 6:40)

√ c o n t i n u e s by looking (Heb 12:2)

√ e n d s with looking (Heb 13:14; Rev 1:7)

- The serpent was a type of C h r i s t who was “lifted up” on the C r o s s in order that He might draw the g a z e of all people to Himself that they might be s a v e d from eternal d e a t h.

Going deeper...

Why was it so distasteful for the Israelites to look at the bronze serpent?
Why is it so distasteful for us to look at Jesus crucified? What would God have us learn from this?

How does Jesus’ being “lifted up” draw all people to Himself and bring glory to God? (Read John 12:27-36; 8:25-30) What is that “lifting up”?

How did the Israelites show their ungratefulness? How has the sin of ungratefulness been evident in your own heart and life?

For your own study, read 2 Kings 18:1-12 (esp. v. 4). How did the bronze serpent later become twisted to a false purpose and use?

Seeing Jesus Through The Old Testament

Jesus: Look and LIVE!

Numbers 21:4-9 (pg 109); John 3:10-16 (pg 738)

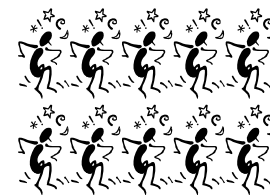
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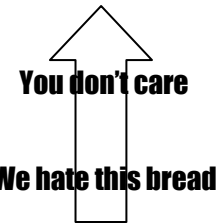
Another l e s s o n on the road to Canaan (Numbers 21:4-9)

- *The Occasion:* The people were in s i n and r e b e l l i o n toward God (vs 4-5)

Grumble...murmur



Complain, Gripe

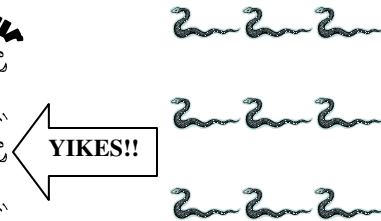


- *The Result:* F e a r and d e a t h (v 6)

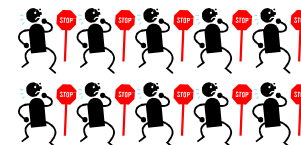
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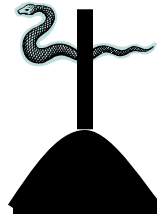
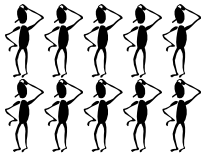


- *The Response:* R e p e n t a n c e and prayer for h e l p (v 7)

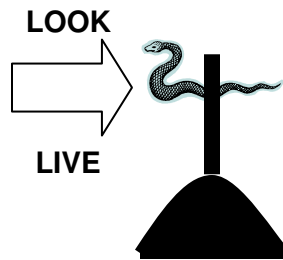


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- *The Provision:* Unexpected and unanticipated (v8)



- *The Requirement:* Look and live (v9)



The message that is unfolded in the story (John 3:1-21)

- *The Context:* The necessity of the new (spiritual) birth (vs1-8,14)
- *The Problem:* The world is in sin and rebellion toward God (Rom 1:18-19; 3:9-18)

- *The Result:* Condemnation and death (John 3:17-18 ; Eph 2:1-2)

- The “serpent” speaks of the curse of sin which ultimately results in death (Gen 3:14-19; Rom 5:12-13, 6:23a; Gal 3:13; 1 Cor 15:56)

- Like the Israel was unable to save themselves from the effects of the serpents’ venom, we are helpless to prevent the deadly effect of sin (Eph 2:12; Rom 5:6)

- *The Provision:* God’s own Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16-21; Eph 2:4-7; Rom 5:8)

- The “brass” speaks of judgment (Ex 27:1-8; Deut 28:23; Rev 1:15, 2:18)

- Jesus took the judgment of God for our sins (Isa 53: 5; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:24)

- It was God’s grace that provided deliverance from certain death (Rom 5:8-10; Eph 2:4-9)