



John 3:14 Fiery Serpents

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I. As Moses lifted up the serpent. John 3:14

**II. Judgment came by way of the fiery serpents.
Numbers 21:6**

III. Why did God send the snakes?

**A. They were tempting (denying) Christ.
1 Corinthians 10:1-9**

**B. How did they tempt (deny) Christ (which was
only in symbolic form)?**

**1. By rejecting God's bread & water (symbols).
Numbers 21:5**

a. There is no bread. Numbers 21:5

1) They have been eating manna for 39 years.

2). Bread - manna. Numbers 11:4-6

3) Jesus, the bread of life. John 6:31-35

b. Water - from the rock. Numbers 20:11

1) The rock is Jesus. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

2) Jesus the water of salvation. John 4:13-14

C. Are we tempting Christ today?

1. What are the symbols of Jesus today? 1 Corinthians 10:9

a. The bible - is symbolic of Jesus. Revelation 19:13

b. The churches - are symbolic of his body. Ephesians 1:22-23

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D. They sinned against God. Numbers 21:5-7

1. The wages of sin is death, the fiery serpents. Romans 6:23

IV. They repented. Numbers 21:7

A. God had Moses to make a brass serpent on a pole. Numbers 21:8-9

1. Brass and a serpent are symbolic of judgment paid in full.

B. To receive life they must show faith in God by looking at the brass serpent. Numbers 21:8-9

V. Jesus would be lifted up. John 3:14

A. Jesus would die on the cross. John 12:32-33

VI. Why must Jesus be lifted up? John 3:15

A. That people should not perish. John 3:15

1. All have sinned. Romans 3:23

2. God hath concluded all under sin. Galatians 3:22

3. Condemned already. John 3:18

4. Wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

B. That people could have eternal life. John 3:15

1. Everlasting life. John 6:47

2. Resurrected life. John 11:25

3. Never die. John 11:26

C. That people could believe. John 3:15

1. As people believed God with Moses and the serpents. John 3:14

2. We believe God with Jesus and sin. John 3:16

3. He that believeth on him is not condemned. John 3:18