

**Title: What am I Missing?**

**Text: (John Chapter 3) (\*vs 9)**

(John 3:1) Nicodemus is in Termoil.

(John 3:2a) “*a teacher come from God,*”

(John 3:2b) Jesus’ Miracles Put Him on another level,

(John 3:3-8) Didn’t Expect the Answer was a personal

Nicodemus was a **Legalist**. He believed in Works, Ceremony

Faith Based on **Outward Ceremony**; (Matt 23:13-15)

Faith Focussed on **Empty Ritual**. (Matt 23:23-29)

Nicodemus was a **Hypocrite**. (Matt 19:1-7)

(John 3:9) “What am I not getting?” (John 3:10-12)

**Stop Looking for the New Program/Podcast:** (John 3:13)

**Stop looking for the Loopholes:** (John 3:14)(Jn 10:17-18)

Even NOW, He is fore-shadowing the cross.

(Num 21:6-9)(John 8:28)(Jn 12:32)

**Stop Looking for the Bare Minimum:** (John 3:15)

**What are you Missing?**

**What is it you have been clinging too?**

**The Answer is here!** - (John 3:16)

“**For**” **The Greatest Provocation:**

“**God**” **The Greatest Person:** (Ps 95:3) (Deut 10:17) “

“**So Loved**” **The Greatest Passion:** (Jn 15:13)(Gen 22:8)

“**The World**” - **The Greatest Prison** - (Ps 102:18-20)

“**That He Gave**” - **The Greatest Proof of Love-** (Rom 5:8)

“**His Only Begotten Son**”-**The Greatest Payment**(1 Jn 2:2)

“**That Whosoever**” - **The Greatest Proposal**

“**Believeth in Him**” - **The Greatest Promise:** (Acts 16:31)

“**Should Not Perish**” - **The Greatest Punishment**

“**But Have**” - **The Greatest Possession** - (Matt 16:26)

**“Everlasting Life” - The Greatest Prize:** (Jn 14:1-3)

**Illus: I don’t Believe a loving God would send us to Hell.**

(1 Pet 3:18)(1 Pet 2:24)(Rom 5:6-8)(Heb 10:10-14)

**The Message of Jesus:**

Nicodemus, **You** have to be born from above.

It is a work of God

**Why would God do that?** (John 3:17)

1. So God will get all the Glory.

2. Because He loves the entire world.

God was motivated by His love, not His Anger.

**The Results of Unbelief:** (John 3:18)

**The Deficiency of Man’s Religion:** (John 3:19-21)

**The Confusion b/c we seek answers from Men:** (vs 22-31)

**John the Baptist gives 5 Reasons to answer “Why Jesus”?**

**(1) Jesus had a Heavenly Origin:** (John 3:31)(John 17:8)

**(2) Christ had 1<sup>st</sup> hand experience of the Father:**

(John 3:32)(John 17:5)

**(3) Christ’s testimony always agreed with God**

(John 3:33)(Jn 12:49-50)

**(4) Christ experienced the Holy Spirit in an unlimited**

**manner:** (John 3:34)

**(5) The Father, sovereignly granted all things to Christ**

(John 3:35)

**The Choice Is Ours to Make:** (John 3:36)

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