

## Commit To The Son John 3:1-9

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Much of this passage is familiar to anyone that has spent time with the Bible. In fact, one verses has probably been heard by most, if not all, of the developed world. I want to spend a few minutes looking at not just that verse but all of what Jesus says to Nicodemus in reply to the question, "*How can these things be?*"

#### Do You Not Know?

Jesus begins by questioning Nicodemus. - **John 3:10**

Any teacher should know and understand what they teach

First response - rebuke Nicodemus for lack of understanding

We need to understand God's Word.

For most it is not a case of inability, but of inactivity.

Not enough effort into learning what God has delivered to us.

Too often, long time Christians struggle with simple concepts. - **Hebrews 5:12**

Continues by emphasizing His own knowledge and understanding of what He has spoken. - **John 3:11**

Jesus is not an unprepared speaker.

Speaks from well-spring of knowledge as Word of creation.

Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus was a "teacher from God."

Why would Nicodemus even question His teaching?

Jesus reminds Nicodemus questioning of plain teaching is indication that he does not really believe.

Do I question teaching of Jesus or willing to accept because I know it came from God? - **John 8:31-32**

Jesus again rebukes Nicodemus for a lack of belief. - **John 3:12**

Much teaching that Jesus did on Earth involved things that could be verified by reading from the Law and the Prophets.

All of the things that were revealed by the prophets concerning the Messiah were being fulfilled by Jesus.

Nicodemus, and most of the Jewish leadership, had problems connecting these prophecies to Jesus because of their preconceived ideas about the Messiah.

Yet open minded study would have shown the truth.

We must first accept the things that can be verified if we expect to understand the things that are yet unknown.

Too often want to 'prove miracles' before we accept the rest.

Jesus told Nicodemus that belief in the ordinary was necessary to believing the miraculous.

Our faith is based on firm foundation revealed in God's Word. - **Romans 10:17**

As Jesus continues we are reminded that there is only one who can speak with understanding about God and heaven. - **John 3:13**

Some things we can only know because someone with knowledge reveals them to us.

Only Jesus can tell us of God, for only he has been there. - **1Corinthians 2:16**

Are we listening to what the Son has revealed?

We are no longer seeking for signs to be fulfilled, but are to give attention to the one that has finished that work

#### Read The Signs

The time comes when the work will be finished on Earth. - **John 3:14-15**

Then, believing in the Son will be essential to salvation.

The sign of the serpent will verify the Messiah

But one of many to look for, if you are a teacher in Israel.

Now that this sign has been accomplished in fact, we ought to give full attention to the one who fulfilled the sign. - **Colossians 3:1**

Nicodemus, solution to man's sin in front of you all the time! - **John 3:16**

The sacrifice of God's Son has always been God's plan.

The difficulty is our belief.

The evidence is almost overwhelming, if we pay attention.

When consider the definition of "believes in Him" we understand that this phrase is a call for action.

Includes "commitment to" and "placing trust in" the object, which is Him - The Son. - **James 1:25**

### **Salvation Is The Focus**

Not to tell us we were lost, but to help us to be saved - **John 3:17-18**

NOT "You're a sinner!", "You're going to hell!"

But "I'll help you live right." "Let me help you get to heaven."

The unbeliever was already condemned

We were lost whether Jesus died on the cross or not!

God provided solution for sins and it is up to each one to take action on it - **Acts 2:38; 17:30-31**

### **Enter The Light**

Jesus is rejected because we don't want our works revealed - **John 3:19-21**

We want to pretend everything is ok and can do that, as long as our works are not exposed by light

In cleansing presence of The Light sin stands out so we might rid our self of it and be clean.

Only in the light can we know that we are ready to meet God. - **1John 1:7**

### **The Light Gives Life**

Come into the Light of The Son

Are you committed unto the Son?

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