

SERMON OUTLINE

Iconic: The Life of Christ in the Gospel of John *Humanity's Desperate Need and the Best Gift Ever Given* John 3:16-17

I. Nicodemus had the _____ but _____ understanding about God

John 3:1

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ESV

II. Jesus knew we needed _____

John 3:11-12

Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

III. The _____ before the _____

John 3:14

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

IV. The _____ after the _____

John 3:18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

V. The _____ ever given

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Next Steps:

1. Reflect on your sin, allow yourself to be truly sorry for them (contrition) and confess them to God.
2. Understand that there is nothing any of us can do to make ourselves right before God.
3. Celebrate Jesus' perfect life and perfect sacrifice that is now yours by faith.