

"Inquiring Minds"

John 3

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John 3 contains the clearest teaching of Jesus regarding man's need and His mission to meet the need.

We begin with the encounter with Nicodemus, a community leader who approaches Jesus.

Today, we note two words as we begin our time with ole Nic.

OBSERVATION

The **WORK** of Jesus had been **NOTICED**

He (They) had seen what Jesus had done.

For no one could perform the signs you are doing"

CONCLUSION

The **IDENTITY** of Jesus had been "**NOTARIZED**"

He (They) had said decided He was anointed.

"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God ... if God were not with him."

These two factors resulted in either

- a **PRIVATELY PLANNED** approach or
- notice of an official **GROUP** endorsement or

- a combination of the two.

Observation and conclusion remain today as powerful shapers of faith,

The work of Jesus should be noticed

Visual: I (they) need to see

The identity of Jesus is will then be recognized/notarized

Verbal: I (they) need to say

This is a beautiful dual dynamic,

1. Christ working in me influences others.
2. Christ working in others, draws me nearer to Him.