

# Questions for Gospel Harmony #20 – Part 2

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John 3.9-21

1. Why is Jesus surprised that Nicodemus does not understand Him? What does Jesus mean when he says, “You do not receive Our witness”? Explain the question: “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” (Verses 9-12)

Special Question: There is some controversy over who is speaking the words of verses 13-21. Who are the two possibilities? Which one do you think is right and why?

2. Explain the phrase: “No one had ascended into heaven, but He who came down from heaven.” To which Old Testament story does verses 14-15 refer? How would the “Son of Man be lifted up”? (Verses 13-15)
3. What did the love of God for the World motivate Him to do, and what is the consequence? (Verse 16)
4. What does the speaker say is **not** the reason God sent His Son into the world? In what sense is the one “who does not believe” “condemned already”? Who loves darkness, and why? Who comes to the light, and why? (Verses 17-21)