



ENGLISH CORNER

Lesson 4: John 3:10-13,16

Main Points (Enduring Word Commentary):

- Jesus “makes it clear that He can speak authoritatively about things in heaven, though no one else can.” (Morris)
- The idea behind **eternal life** means much more than a *long* or *never ending* life. Eternal life does not mean that this life goes on forever. Instead, **eternal life** also has the idea of a certain *quality* of life, of God’s kind of life. It is the kind of life enjoyed in eternity.
- We learn the *object* of God’s love: For God so loved the world. God did not wait for the world to turn to Him before He loved the world. He loved and gave His only begotten Son to the world when it was *still* the world!
- The Jews of that day rarely thought that God loved the world. Many of them thought that God only loved *Israel*. The universal offer of salvation and life in Jesus was revolutionary.

Opening activity: Each teacher will describe to their students somewhere that they have lived or visited (a country, a state, a neighborhood by talking about what it looked like, what they remember about it, where it is located). Students will then be given the chance to write a few sentences (in English or their first language) describing somewhere they have lived or visited. Ask for volunteers to read what they have written.

Transition: We just shared about places that we have lived or visited. We were able to describe them because we have been there before. It is easier to describe something when you have seen it with your own eyes and experienced it in person.

In John 3, Jesus is having a conversation with a man named Nicodemus, who was a religious leader. Nicodemus had a lot of questions for Jesus and was confused at some of Jesus’ responses about heaven and the Kingdom of God. Jesus was able to speak with authority about things, such as heaven and the Kingdom of God, because Jesus had come from Heaven to Earth for the purpose of making a way for all who would believe in Him to live in the Kingdom of God forever.

Vocabulary: Testify (tell about/ to prove) **Earthly** (happening on earth) **Heavenly** (happening in Heaven) **Perish** (die) **Eternal** (lasting forever)

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Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?

"I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen and still 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? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man."

1. What question did Nicodemus ask Jesus?
2. Jesus says that he speaks of what He knows and what he has seen. What is Jesus revealing about Himself when He says that?
3. How did some people respond to Jesus' testimony?
4. Why did God send his one and only Son, Jesus?
5. What promise do we read in this verse?
6. Jesus did not walk away from Nicodemus when he asked many questions and had difficulty understanding. Would anyone like to share about a time that the Lord helped you in a time of doubt or confusion?
7. How can we pray for each other this week?