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Have you read the story about the time Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went camping?

After sharing a good meal and an evening of talking, they retire to their tent for the night. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

Watson said, "I see millions of stars." Holmes asks, "And, what does that tell you?"

Watson replies, "Astronomically, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and we are small and insignificant. Horologically, it tells me that it's about

3 AM. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes retorts, "Someone stole our tent."

In sorting through, and trying to understand the details, we can so easily miss the broad and overarching point. I now think of that story every time I think of the 3 chapter of John. That is the story of Jesus and Nicodemus.

In talking to Jesus, Nicodemus gets so tied up in the words and symbols Jesus is using that he cannot understand what Jesus is saying. The message comes down to verses 16 & 17.

Just a little aside, the Bible called "The Message" the translators put 16, 17 & 18 together as one thought. I

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