



# Sermon Study Guide for March 1, 2026

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** The Why

God so loved the world, that He gave His one and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him, would not perish, but have eternal life. Why? God has a reason for sending Jesus. We have a reason for following and living like Jesus.

**Getting Started: (sharing with each other)**

1. There's almost always a reason for doing something. Where do you find your reasoning to do different things in your life? What got/gets you out of bed in the morning?
2. Have you ever purchased something from someone, even though you could have gotten a better deal on it somewhere else? Why?

**In the Word: Read John 3:1-17**

3. Nicodemus comes to speak to Jesus at night. Why does he do that? What is His reasoning for being secretive like this?
4. Why does Nicodemus want to know how someone can be born again? What is his question behind the question?
5. Jesus points back to the bronze serpent that was lifted up on the pole to save those bitten by the snakes. How does Jesus fit the same vein as the bronze snake?
6. Jesus gives the 'why' His heavenly Father sent him to the earth. What is God's reasoning? Why does God proceed to send His one and only Son? Would that seem odd to anyone who doesn't know the rest of the scriptures?

7. Jesus came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world would be saved through Him. What hope does that give, and what confidence can you have in what Christ has done for you?

### **Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)**

8. These verses are very well known. John 3:16 is held up on signs at sporting events all around the world. John 3:16 is the Gospel in a nutshell, as some have called it. How does taking a closer and deeper look at *why* God sent Jesus help you to see how we ought to care for and love those around us?
9. Jesus has his *why*. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." Jesus came to save and not condemn.

What is your *why*? Why do you do the things that you do?

10. You are a sinner, forgiven of your sins. You are an enemy of God, brought into the family of God through the waters of Baptism. You were once dead, but you have been born again through water and the word. Now what do we do about it? How can you show your *why*, and maybe even tell others about your *why*?

**Prayer:** Thank God for sending His one and only Son that we who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life. Thank God that You have a reason for joy, a reason to share His love, and a reason to live your life caring for and loving those around you. Ask God that He would open doors and hearts, that you could have conversations with others about your 'why.' Ask God to give you the courage and boldness to share His love and gospel message with all you meet.

### **Midweek: The Passover Lamb**

The Passover Lamb saved the people of Israel through the blood on the doorframes. By the blood of the Sacrificial Lamb on the cross, we are saved.

### **Next Week: Discovering a More Abundant Life in Christ**

Jesus offered the woman at the well living water, and a more abundant life through faith in Him. Jesus also offers that to us today