

## JOHN 3:16

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
  - Comment – I had 2 different (encouraging) presentations prepared – I chose this one
  - Title – John 3:16
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John 3:16	for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son – that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life
	· The verse is beautiful – it is even more beautiful, as we look at the context
John 3:1	there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus – a ruler of the Jews (a member of the Sanhedrin – 70 judges & the High Priest)
2	Nicodemus came at night
John 12:42-43	many rulers believed in Him – but because of the Pharisees, they did not confess Him (lest they should be put out of the synagogue) – for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God
John 3:2	“Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God. No one can do these signs that You do, unless God is with him”
3	Christ said: “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”
4	Nicodemus: “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”
5	unless one is born of water & the Spirit, he cannot enter kingdom of God
6	born of flesh is flesh – born of Spirit is spirit
7-8	do not marvel at the phrase – “You must be born again”
9	Nicodemus – “how can these things be?”
10	Christ: “Are you a teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?”
11	you do not receive Our witness
12	if you don’t receive earthly things, how will you believe heavenly things?
13	no one has ascended to heaven – but there is One who has come down from heaven
14	as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, the Son of Man must be lifted up
Num. 21:4	the people were discouraged – (long journey from Egypt to Canaan)
5	the people spoke against God and against Moses – “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?” “There is no food and no water” “Our sole hates this worthless bread [manna]”
Num. 21:6	the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people – bit them – many died
7	the people repented – Moses prayed for the people

	8	the Lord to Moses – fiery serpent on a pole – those who look at it, will live
	9	Moses made a bronze serpent
John 3:14		how was the Son of Man lifted up? – (how? – crucifixion and resurrection)
	15	whoever believes in Him should not perish – but have eternal life
	16	multiple points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· God so loved the world</li> <li>· He gave His only begotten Son</li> <li>· Whoever believes in Him = everlasting life</li> </ul>
	17	God did not send Him into the world to condemn the world – God sent Him into the world to save the world
	18	he who believes in Christ is not condemned – he who does not believe is condemned already (because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God)
	19-21	this is the condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· the light has come into the world</li> <li>· people love darkness rather than light – their deeds are evil</li> <li>· everyone practicing evil – hates the light</li> </ul>
John 5:16		persecuted Christ, sought to kill Him – because He healed on Sabbath
	17-18	when He called God His Father, they got even more mad
John 9:1-2		who sinned? This man or his parents?
	3-5	neither – “as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world”
	6-7	Christ healed the blind man
	13-16	the Pharisees quizzed the blind man
	24	the Pharisees called Christ a sinner – for healing on the Sabbath
	25	the healed man – I don’t know if He is a sinner – I know He healed me
	26	the Pharisees pressed him again
	27	the healed man – “why do you want to hear it again?” – “do you want to be one of his disciples?”
	28-29	they reviled the blind man – they claimed to be Moses’ disciples
John 10:28		“no one can snatch them out of My hand”
	29	“no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand”
John 17:1-26		remember Christ’s encouraging prayer