

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

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

