

For God So Loved... (John 3:16-21)

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Introduction

3₁₆ “For God loved the world this way: That He gave His *One and* only Son, so whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Who said John 3:16-21? John the apostle? Jesus?

God gave: At the incarnation? At the cross? Both at the incarnation and the cross?

So loved: Does it mean “so much”? Does it mean “in this way”?

Is it “only begotten”? Is it “one and only”?

Whosoever will: What does this mean?

Shall not perish: The implications

3₁₇ “For God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

First coming was not for judgment. Second coming will entail judgment.

3₁₈ “The *one who* believes in Him is not judged, but the *one who* does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the *One and* only Son of God.”

3₁₉ “And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light, because their works were evil.”

3₂₀ “For whoever does substandard *things* hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works be exposed.”

3₂₁ “But He who does the truth comes to the light, that His works may be displayed that they are done in God.”

Most people understand “light” as a reference to Jesus.

In this context, light focuses on exposure. Therefore, _____

_____, who does the truth, comes to the light, so _____ deeds may be seen, that they have been done in God.

CONCLUSION