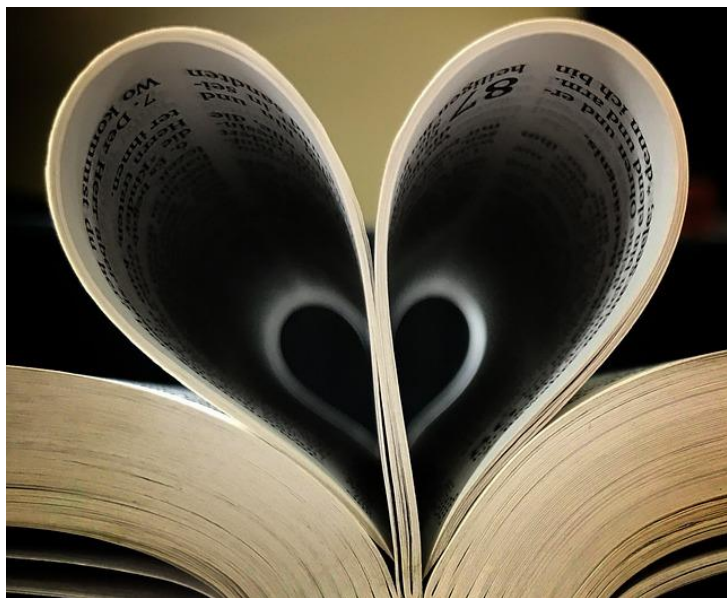


# The Gospel of John Part 12: His Greatest Words (Part 1)

## John 3:16-21



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*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 “For God did not send the Son into the world*

*to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. 19 “And this is the verdict: Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light lest his deeds be exposed. 21 “But he who does the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be made known as having been done by God.”*

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John 3:16 is considered by many as the greatest verse in the Bible. This is easy to see when one considers the reasons why this is so.

**1) It Is About The Greatest Person:** “For God” There is none like Him. Humanity cannot even imagine a person greater than God, but God in His greatness has made Himself known to us.

**2) It Contains The Greatest Truth:** “so loved the world” All of eternity, for every person, hinges on this great truth: God is love. So great is His love for mankind that He has done everything required to save us.

**3) It Shows The Greatest Act:** “that He gave” God is under no obligation to give mankind anything. But out of His loving grace He gave Himself to redeem the crown jewel of His creation: humanity.

**4) It Reveals The Greatest Gift:** “His one and only Son” God spared nothing to save us. Jesus is the greatest gift because He is given freely and He is all the world needs to inherit everything.

**5) It Applies To The Greatest Number:** “that whoever” There are no limits to the saving power of Christ. Every person, in every generation, and in every place can receive Jesus by faith.

**6) It Offers The Greatest Invitation:** “believes in Him” The only thing God requires from us to be saved is to believe. There are no works required and no payment do, Jesus did it all.

**7) It Contains The Greatest Promise:** “shall not perish” God says He will do this for us. We trust in this promise for our eternal hope.

**8) It Provides The Greatest Certainty:** “but have” God left nothing for us to do to guarantee our salvation. When we trust in Christ, our eternity is firmly established by God Himself.

**9) It Ensures The Greatest Destiny:** “eternal life.” We cannot truly comprehend what it means to live in the very presence of God forever. But this is our destiny for those who trust in Christ.