

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## JOHN 3:16 - “FAMILIAR OR FANTASTIC???”

### Introduction

#### I. God’s Lavish Love for the Lost

- “FOR God so loved the world...”

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*Why do you believe there is a God? Why should anyone believe that there is a God?*

**John 14:1 - “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.”**

**John 5:19-23 -**

- “For God SO LOVED...”

*If all we had was John 3:16 (and the surrounding verses), what would we know about (how would we describe) God’s love???*

- “For God so loved THE WORLD...”

**Luke 4:22-30 -**

**Genesis 12:3; Luke 2:29b-32; Isaiah 56:6-8 -**

**Galatians 3:28 - “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

**Romans 1:14-16 - “I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”**

- “For God so loved the world, THAT HE GAVE...”

1) This was a giving FROM heaven TO earth.

2) This was a giving unto DEATH.

**Romans 5:6-8 -**

3) - This is a giving that Jesus embraced.

**John 10:17-18 -**

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave HIS ONLY SON...”

*So how do we help people understand that Jesus is God’s Son??? What does that MEAN that Jesus is the only Son of God???*

**John 1:1 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

**John 1:14 - “And the Word (the same Word who was WITH GOD and IS GOD) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father full of grace and truth.”**

*So what does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God???*

It doesn’t mean that He was created.

It doesn’t mean that He’s less than God.

The Sonship of Christ speaks to His loving relationship with the Father.

The Sonship of Christ speaks to His unique role within the Trinity.

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM...”

**John 14:6 - “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him SHOULD NOT PERISH...”

*What does it mean to perish???*

**Psalm 2:1-12; Nahum 1:6-8; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:15 -**

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

**John 6:40; John 17:3; 1 John 5:20-21; Revelation 22:4-5 -**

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