

Study Notes for John 3 (Part 2) v16-21

- Relate, if you can, the first time you heard **John 3:16**.
- What is meant by “the world” in **John 3:16**?
- What is meant by “perish” in **John 3:16**?
- Why is **John 3:16** perfect for sharing the good news?
- What does **3:16–18** tell us about God the Father? (How many things can you find?)
- This passage says that God voluntarily “gave” His own Son for the corrupt world of humans. What does that act reveal about the meaning of agape love?
- What difference does (or should) the love of God make to our attitudes and priorities?
- Jesus came because of God’s love to save, not to condemn. Why, then, do you think that talking about Jesus is so socially unacceptable?
- In the teaching Pastor Paul discussed the reasons why some people reject God’s free offer of forgiveness. He mentioned 1) Refusal to accept and believe (Acts 19:8–9), 2) because they love their sin more (3:19-20) and 3) spiritual blindness (2 Corinthians 4:4). Can you think of any other biblical reasons someone might reject the Gospel?