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JOHN 3:16 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)
TODAY'S BIBLE CHURCH 2012

JOHN 3:16-21

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 his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 All those who do evil hate the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But those who live by the truth come into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.



Questions for Further Study

Read John 3:16-21

1. Did God *have* to give his one and only Son? What was God's motivation behind this?

2. We live in a 'sinless' generation where sin is rarely talked about in negative terms. How can we best explain the 'gospel' that will help this generation understand what Jesus has achieved?

(Think about shame, regret, failure to live up to our own standards etc)

3. Often we begin explaining the 'gospel' by talking about fallen humanity. Do you think people generally recognize that there something is wrong with humanity today? What would your friends without a faith think?

4. God sent his 'one and only' Son, a phrase which describes this unique relationship. How can we explain from scripture than Jesus is God's Son to those who refer to him as a prophet or just a good teacher?

(Look at John 1:14, John 1:18, John 3:16, John 3:18, 1 John 4:9)

5. We talked on Sunday about the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro and making Jesus our reference point. Spend some time sharing prayer requests and then praying that Jesus would be our guide in each and every situation.