

# John 3:16-21

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## Saving the World

### 1) What is this?

- a) John, not Jesus
- b) Why this matters

### 2) God's Saving Plan – v. 16-17

a) GOD

b) WORLD

c) CHRIST

d) RESPONSE

- 1. Receive Him – 1:12
- 2. Receive Scripture – 2:22, 3:11
- 3. Accept His Signs – 1:50, 2:23
- 4. Obey the Son – 3:36

e) RESULTS

f) Not a Judgment Plan – v. 17

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### 3) Explanation / Clarification – v. 18-21

#### a) Two Groups – v. 18

1. Not Condemned
2. Condemned Already

#### b) Distinguishing Marks – v. 19-21

1. Light Has Come – v. 19a
2. Recoil from the Light – v. 19b-20
3. Receive the Light – v. 21

#### Praxis

1. Describe “believe” as comprehensively as you can as the saving response to Jesus?
2. If John 3:17 says God did not send Jesus to condemn the world, how do you reconcile John 5:27-29, 9:39 with this? (3:18 may be helpful)
3. How/Where might John’s further explanation (v. 18-21) fit, even be essentially helpful, in our Gospel witnessing?