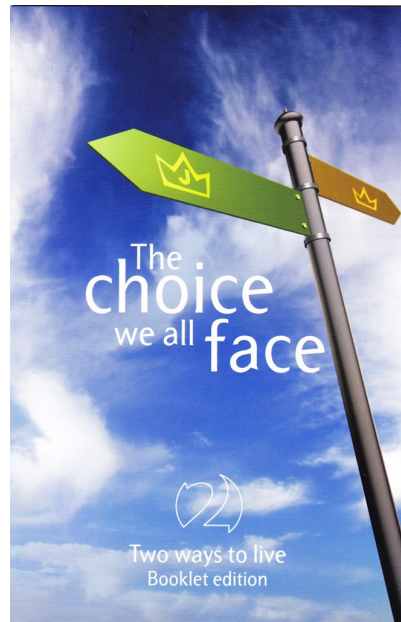


1. “John 3:16 is both simple and profound.” Discuss.
2. Why is it important to clarify, in our society, that it is the **God of the Bible** to which John 3:16 refers?
3. **Read John 3:1-15.** How might Nicodemus have understood God as a Jewish ruler? How did Jesus challenge Nicodemus about **how** a person comes to God?
4. **Read John 3:16-21.** What’s God’s love got to do with our salvation? **Read also 1 John 4:7-10.**
5. The ‘**world**’ in John’s Gospel represents all that is hostile to the Creator. How does this understanding of ‘world’ in 3:16 help you to wonder even more at **God’s initiative** in rescuing us?
6. Practice reciting **John 3:16.**
7. Note **three (3) people** that you are praying for **this Easter.**



**God's News**  
**'in a nutshell'**

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 3:16 (ESV)

**The Cross is ... God's love for the world**

The Cross is ... God giving his only Son

The Cross is ... God rescuing us from judgement so that we need not perish

The Cross is ... God making it possible for us to receive eternal life

**GETTING THE BACK-STORY ...**

**GETTING THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT ...**

**GETTING THE MESSAGE ...**

*Dear God,*

*I know that I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don't  
deserve your gift of eternal life. I am guilty of rebelling  
against you and ignoring you. I need forgiveness.*

*Thank you for sending your Son to die for me that I may be  
forgiven. Thank you that He rose from the dead to give me  
new life.*

*Please forgive me and change me, that I may live with Jesus  
as my ruler. Amen.*