

Lesson 7

TO BELIEVE OR NOT TO BELIEVE?

John 3:16-36

Key Verse: 16

“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.”

1. How does verse 16 relate to verses 14-15? In what way and to what extent did God love the world¹ (Ro 5:8; 1 Jn 4:9-10)? What was God’s motivation? What is God’s amazing promise here?
2. What was not the purpose for God sending his Son and why is this important (17)? For what purpose did God send his Son? What difference does it make to believe in Jesus or not (18)?
3. What is the verdict (19)? Why do people hate the light (20)? What does it mean to come into the light and why does one do so (21)?
4. Where did Jesus and his disciples go and what did they do (22)? What problem arose among some of John’s disciples (23-26)? How did John reply (27-30)? How did John the Baptist view himself and what was his joy? What do we learn from him?
5. Why is Jesus above all and his testimony the truth (31-34,13,14-15)? According to this passage, what must we believe about Jesus? Why is believing this such a critical and urgent matter for all people (35-36,16)?

¹ The Greek word for “so” can mean “in this way” or “to this extent” or both.