

JOHN

BELIEVE

"Escaping Judgment Through Spiritual Rebirth"

INTRO: *John 3:16 is the most translated Bible verse in the world, but what is the context in which it is found, and does it matter?*

- I. **God sent Jesus to save the world from His _____ of _____ (3:16-17).** *God's love was the motivation for Jesus' mission. Jesus' mission was necessary because of Man's sinful condition. Man's sinful condition demanded God's judgment, God's judgment may only be escaped by believing in Jesus.*

- II. **Those who do not trust _____ remain under God's _____ of _____ (3:18-21).** *All of Mankind is under judgment. To not believe is to reject one's ONLY hope of escaping it.*

- III. **Be spiritually _____ to escape God's _____ of _____ (3:1-15).** *The story of Nicodemus is a test-case in John's theological commentary of vv.16-21.*
 - A. **Spiritual rebirth _____ in trusting Jesus (3:1-8).** *The Spirit's work in salvation is like the wind; we can't see wind but we do see its effects. Those awakened by the Spirit will see the Messiah as personal Savior.*

 - B. **Trust in Jesus (as a requirement for heaven) was _____ by God (3:9-15).** *No one can logically discern their way to heaven. Salvation is a heavenly message. Jesus confirmed what the Old Testament prophesied and pictured repeatedly.*