

## The Story of the Bible in One Verse John 3:16

The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years by over forty different authors from a wide range of backgrounds (fishermen to kings) in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek). Yet there is one great theme that flows from Genesis – Revelation. The Holy Spirit worked through each of those human authors to present the story of \_\_\_\_\_ that comes through a \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 5:39 (ESV) — 39** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is **they that bear witness about me,**

The Bible is a book about Jesus Christ – the Son of God who came to earth as a man to redeem men from their sins:

In the Old Testament – He is \_\_\_\_\_ through prophecies and pictures.

In the Gospels – He is \_\_\_\_\_.

In the book of Acts – He is \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Epistles – He is \_\_\_\_\_.

In the book of Revelation – He is \_\_\_\_\_.

If there is one verse that summarizes the story of the Bible, it is John 3:16.

“God” – salvation begins with God, just as Creation begins with God.

**Genesis 1:1 (ESV) — 1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

“loved” –

**Romans 5:8 (ESV) — 8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:10 (ESV) — 10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

“the world” -

**1 John 4:14 (ESV) — 14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

“that He gave” –

“his only Son” -

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) — 21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

“whoever believes in Him” -

“should not perish” -

**John 3:18–19 (ESV) — 18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **19** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

“but have eternal life” –

**John 17:3 (ESV) — 3** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

### Study Questions:

1. Share the first time that you heard John 3:16. When was the last time you’d heard a message or Bible study on John 3:16 before today? Why do we often take familiar verses in the Bible for granted? How does meditating on a familiar verse renew a spirit of gratitude for God’s grace in our hearts?
2. List some Bible doctrines that are found/implied in John 3:16.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and consider the statement, “We need to preach the gospel to ourselves every day.” How does the gospel contribute to our sanctification (spiritual growth)? Consider Romans 6:1-14 and Ephesians 3:14-21.
4. When we grasp the love of God towards us, how should it transform our hearts to love others according to the following verses?
  - ◆ 1 John 3:16-18
  - ◆ Luke 7:27-28
  - ◆ John 13:14-15, 34-35
  - ◆ Ephesians 4:31-32

## November 2024

<b>Week 1</b> <b>Starting November 4</b>	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Starting November 11</b>	<b>Week 3</b> <b>Starting November 18</b>	<b>Week 4</b> <b>Starting November 25</b>
Day 1: Matthew 14	Day 1: Matthew 18	Day 1: Matthew 22	Day 1: Matthew 26
Day 2: Matthew 15	Day 2: Matthew 19	Day 2: Matthew 23	Day 2: Matthew 27
Day 3: Matthew 16	Day 3: Matthew 20	Day 3: Matthew 24	Day 3: Matthew 128
Day 4: Matthew 17	Day 4: Matthew 21	Day 4: Matthew 25	Day 4: Mark 1
Day 5: John 5:19-24	Day 5: John 5:30-47	Day 5: John 6:22-40	Day 5: John 6:60-71

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

<sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.