

The Message

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John 3:16

For God so loved **the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him **should not perish** but have everlasting life.



Notice the various subjects in John 3:16

1. God
2. God's love
3. the world
4. God's only begotten Son
5. the giving of His Son
6. whoever believes in Him
7. what it means to believe in Him
8. should not perish
9. will have everlasting life.



Whoever means “not just Jews.”



The World (Cosmos = world system)

Sometimes the word for world means “the creation.” And sometimes it means the lust and pride in the world. In this case it means the creation.



The Sinful World

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



The World As the Enemy of God

James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



The World as Creation

Genesis 1:31

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.



God So Loved the World

God so loved the world that He will restore all things as they were in the beginning.



Why So Long?



Should Not Perish

This shows that we must be pretty bad.
Bad enough to perish.



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