

John 3:16-21

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 This is the Messiah predicted in the prophets who came not just for the Jews but for the world (John 1:29; Isaiah 52:10; 42:6; 49:6; Joel 2:32a). The new covenant would be for all (whoever/everyone). It is entered into by belief/acceptance in what Jesus accomplished. Only son (monogenes) only born – It should remind us of Abraham willingness to offer Isaac on Moriah because he believed in resurrection (Genesis 22). It was the very place Jesus would become our sacrifice. John 15:13 *Greater love has no man than this, that He lay down His life for His friends.* And expressing the greatest of all loves, He died for you and for me. - John 17:23,24

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

17 Jesus' first coming is not for judgment but for salvation. The second coming will be for judgment (initial but not final). Again, we have the *Kosmos* being saved through Jesus. It was cursed when Adam and Eve fell. It is saved through the restoration Jesus made possible by new life in Him and what He will accomplish for all creation upon His return (Romans 8:19-21).

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. darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

18 The only way out of the condemnation of fallen man is through belief in the name of the only Son of God. His name is YHWH Saves. Believe (commit; entrust; trust) that God has made a just way for us to be forgiven by faith in His grace.

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.

19 Though Jesus comes to bring salvation, His revelation of truth brings judgment on those who reject the light. John 6:63; 1:4,5 The reason His words are rejected is because people prefer darkness. That is always the case throughout the story of man. Try to share God's love and some people will welcome the words and others cringe and run for the dark because their works are evil (John 7:7).

20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

20 Ephesians 5:11-13 Like cockroaches running for cover, the wicked whose hearts are set on evil hate believers who testify to the truth. They prefer to be seen as good people and their vices as normal life that does no harm. However, sin in every form is destructive one way or another. That is why God forbids it. See 1Thessalonians 5:4-9.

21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

21 1 John 1:6; Psalm 139:23,24; Those who love the light will bring their life under the scrutiny of the Word and the Holy Spirit to be sure they are God's instruments and not acting on their own whims. This verse goes with Experiencing God teaching. We are the servants who make ourselves available as God carries out the work through us.

Questions:

Why did God send Jesus into the world?

How is it different from Genesis 22?

Why does the Cosmos need to be saved?

How can we escape condemnation?

Why do people run from the light of Jesus?