

**“The Greatest Gift Ever Given!”**

**John 3**

Sermon Series: The Big Give, Pt. 1  
November 2, 2014

**John 3:16**, “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.”

**The Context Of The Greatest Verse:**

• **Jesus Has A Frank Conversation With A RELIGIOUS MAN**

**John 3:1**, Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs You are doing if God were not with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” <sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at My saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

• **Jesus Uses An Old Testament Example To Point To THE CROSS**

**John 3:9**, “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup>“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ...<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.”

**Numbers 21:4**, They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

- **Jesus Presents The Gospel In The GREATEST VERSE**  
**John 3:16**, 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. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

**What Can We Learn From John 3:16?**

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<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>About God’s Love</b>	<b>About Our Salvation</b>	<b>About The Greatest Verse</b>
<b>For God</b>	Its Author	The Origin Of Salvation	The Greatest Father
<b>So Loved</b>	Its Character	The Motivation Of Salvation	The Greatest Love
<b>The World</b>	Its Object	The Extent Of Salvation	The Greatest Need
<b>That He Gave</b>	Its Gift	The Action Of Salvation	The Greatest Gift
<b>His One And Only Son</b>	Its Sacrifice	The Cost Of Salvation	The Greatest Sacrifice
<b>That Whoever</b>	Its Depth	The Offer Of Salvation	The Greatest Invitation
<b>Believes In Him</b>	Its Acceptance	The Requirement Of Salvation	The Greatest Commitment
<b>Shall Not Perish</b>	Its Purpose	The Promise Of Salvation	The Greatest Salvation

<b><i>But Have Eternal Life</i></b>	Its Security	The Hope Of Salvation	The Greatest Life
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### **The Gift Sunday: November 16, 2014**

**What Is The Gift?** The Gift is a Sunday morning devoted totally to being On Mission @ Cottonwood Creek. We cancel our normal Sunday morning small group Bible Study and dedicate the entire morning to missions.

**What Does It Look Like?** Our entire church facility will be transformed into a mission field. We will have serving opportunities for all ages. While half our church attends the Worship Service, the other half serves on campus, then at 11:00a we all rotate. (Meal Packing, Seed Packing, Pink Heart Funds, Blood Drive, Canned Food Drive, Angel Tree, Operation Christmas Child & More)