

# THE GREATEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE

*John 3:16*

## INTRODUCTION:

1. *"The Unforgiving Servant"*

1) **Matthew 18:21-35**

2. **John 3:16** KJV

3. There's an old proverb that says: *"Familiarity breeds contempt"*

a) Which means- *"Extensive knowledge of something or someone can lead to a loss of respect for it or them."*

## 12 REASONS WHY JOHN 3:16 IS THE GREATEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE

### I. REASON #1 - THE GREATEST BEING

1. **John 3:16**

a) *"For God..."*

2. Everything in the universe **SHOUTS** of the reality that there is a God.

3. **Genesis 1:1**

a) *"In the beginning God..."*

4. The Bible doesn't set out to prove the existence of God.

a) The Bible assumes the existence of God.

5. **Psalm 19:1**

6. **Psalm 147:4**

7. If you would board a jet and travel through our solar system at the speed of 600 per hour.

a) You would reach the moon in 16.5 days.

b) In 17 years you would pass the sun.

c) In 690 years you would come to Pluto.

d) And in 700 years you would still be in our own solar system, much less our Galaxy.

8. **Isaiah 40:18**

9. Philosophers have used all kinds of arguments for the existence of God.

- a) Cosmological Argument - Cause and Effect - that every effect has a first cause.
- b) Teleological Argument - Every design has a designer.
- c) Ontological Argument - Come from the very idea of God.
- d) The Moral Argument
- e) The Argument of Conscience - *Romans 2:15*

10. *Romans 1:18ff*

11. The "GOD" of *John 3:16* is:

- a) Omniscient - all knowing
- b) Omnipotent - all powerful
- c) Omnipresent - everywhere present at one time

12. *Jeremiah 17:9*

13. *Psalm 51:10-12*

## II. REASON #2 - The Greatest Reason

1. *John 3:16*

- a) "For God SO LOVED"

2. The Good News flows from an **Awesome Motivation**.

- a) "*for God* (who exists) SO LOVED"
  - 1) A past action decision made.

3. *Ephesians 4:17-19* (turn to)

4. *Proverbs 28:14*

5. *Matthew 19:8*

6. 1 *John 4:16*

7. God's love is **UNCEASING SELFLESS ACTION**

## 8. *John 1:14*

### III. REASON #3 - THE GREATEST NEED

#### 1. *John 3:16*

a) "For GOD so LOVED the WORLD"

2. We live in a very dark world.

3. "For GOD so LOVED, THE **WORLD**"

a) A world filled with all kinds of godlessness!!!

b) **WOW!!** There is nothing in man, that attracts God's love.

1) "For God so LOVED the **WORLD**" - because He is determined to do so.

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Think for a moment how screwed up this **WORLD** is!!!

a) **NOW** - Think for a moment how screwed up you are.

b) Now **KNOW THIS - GOD LOVES YOU**

#### 5. *2 Peter 3:9*

### CONCLUSION:

1. **JUST REMEMBER** - God loves you unconditionally.

a) **FOR GOD** - The Greatest **Being**

b) **SO LOVED** - The Greatest **Action**

c) **THE WORLD** - The Greatest **Need**

2. **NEXT WEEK:** THAT HE **GAVE** - The Greatest **Act**