

The Ultimate Paradox

Numbers 21 John 3

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◆ *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have eternal life”*

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◆ *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted, ¹⁵ that whoever **believes** in him may have eternal life. 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.
(John 3:14- 16)*

Yet, he was merciful; he forgave their inequities and did not destroy them. Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up His full wrath (Ps. 78:38)

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SINFUL PEOPLE	A SYMPATHETIC PROVIDER	A SUPRISING PARADOX
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They didn't trust God's guidance • They blasphemed God's greatness • They doubted God's goodness • They rejected God's generosity • They despised God's gifts • They rejected God's grace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the wrath of God • See the mercy of God • See the faithfulness of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The symbol of death was transformed into a source of life

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Recognize the extent of your sin and rebellion

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This is the ultimate symbol of death and sin becoming the ultimate source of life for sinners. Looking to the cross, because at the cross, the price for sin is paid by the least expected person. The price for sin is paid by the perfect Son of God. That makes no sense.

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