

Jesus Is...

The Gift of God

Read the following verses: John 3:16-36

Examining the Text:

1. According to John 3:16-17 what is the positive purpose of God's giving/sending His Son? What is the negative consequence for those who do not respond to God's saving action?
2. In John 3:19-20 why don't some people come to the light? What does their action or non-action indicate about their attitude and motive?
3. In John 3:21 what does John tell us about why some people are willing to come to the light?
4. Some people think eternal life is something we only experience in eternity. Others think it is presumptuous of us to think that we can have the assurance of eternal life today. What does John 3:36 & 1John 5:11-12 say about this?

Digging Deeper:

1. From John 3:16-36, how would you evaluate this teaching: God loves everyone and ultimately such a loving God will not punish people?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. John the baptizer had a ministry given to him by God. What was his (John's) view of his role in relation to the ministry of Jesus? What important lessons do we learn about our ministry for God? (Think in terms of duration, focus, motive, etc.)