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God's Valentine - John 3:16

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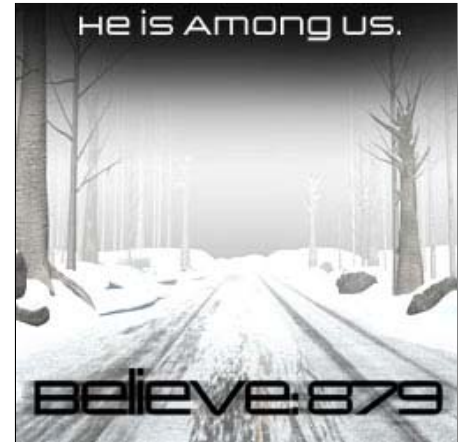
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- III. The Destination "the world"
- IV. The Demonstration "that He gave His only begotten Son"
- V. The Invitation "that whoever"
- VI. The Qualification "believes in Him"
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DETAILED NOTES

- I. The Origin "*For God*"
 - A. Not for man's desire for self improvement
 - B. God-initiated
 - C. We respond to Him
(When Adam sinned he ran, God searched for him)
 - D. We are dead in trespasses and sins, dead people are helpless
- II. The Motivation "*So loved*"
 - A. Not "so angry"
 - B. It's God's nature, God is love
 - C. Easy to say, difficult to grasp
 - D. Different from human love
 1. Not object oriented
 2. Subject oriented, based on His character
 3. God doesn't have favorites
- III. The Destination "*the world*"
 - A. Not a select few, all
 - B. Spoken to Nicodemus, a Jew
 - C. Universal sin, universal cure
 - D. Widest embrace, includes everyone
 - E. Some don't experience it
- IV. The Demonstration "*that He gave His only begotten Son*"
 - A. Love isn't passive
 - B. Love is active
 - C. God gave his best, monogene, only begotten
- V. The Invitation "*that whoever*"

Whoever! (Samaritan woman, Revelation 21)
- VI. The Qualification "*believes in Him*"

1. More than acknowledging the facts
2. Pisteuo - believe - rely on, trust in
3. The Great Blondin, "get in the wheel barrow"

VII. **The Ramification** *"should not perish but have everlasting life"*

1. Died so we can have eternal life
2. Those who don't believe will perish

Figures Referenced: Valentine of Rome, Bishop of Terni, Martin Luther, Malcolm Muggeridge, DL Moody

Greek Terms: monogene-only begotten, pisteuo-believe, rely on, trust in

Cross References: 1John 4:19, Revelation 21