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## A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION WEEK 4

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

# DAY ONE - MONDAY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

Author: John Speaker: Jesus Audience: Nicodemus

Importance: This verse was spoken in the context of explaining the new birth to Nicodemus. Jesus declared His deity and foretold His crucifixion. This demonstrated the supreme love of God for the whole world. It also explained the terrible cost of sin. Thus, it also manifested the tremendous love of Jesus – to give Himself for the sins of the world. The result is the greatest gift of all – forgiveness of sin and salvation in Heaven.

Note: The word "believeth" translates a tense of the Greek word that indicates continual action. It means 'to keep on believing.' Whenever a verb in the KJV ends in "eth," it usually has the meaning of continual action.

DAY TWO - TUESDAY READING AND WRITING

Read the passage out loud 10 times. Include the book, chapter, and verse. Each time, place emphasis upon a different word. Notice the rhythm and flow of the passage. Consider the phrases that make it up and where there are natural divisions in the text.

Write the passage down at least once. You may want to write it more times. You also may want to write it on an index card that can be carried with you and looked during the day. When you have a moment, take it out and read over the verse again. It is helpful to write the verse out by phrases, rather than all as one verse.

Remember to review and recite the verses from the last 3 weeks! Make sure you still remember them.

DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY LEARNING BY PHRASES

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Read the first phrase 10 times. Cover the text and recite this phrase. If you are correct, move to the second phrase and do the same. (If not, repeat the first phrase until you remember it.)

After learning the second phrase, join it with the first phrase and say them together. Continue this process until each phrase of the passage has been learned. If you do not learn the entire verse in one session, you will continue on the next day.

### DAY FOUR - THURSDAY REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION

Review what you learned the previous day. Recite the memorized parts. If they are correct, move on to the next phrase of the verse. If you have learned the entire verse, recite it out loud at least 10 times. Make sure you learn and state the book, chapter, and verse.

#### DAY FIVE - FRIDAY REPETITION AGAIN

Review and recite the parts of the passage you have learned. Add to them any phrases that remain. Recite the verse out loud several times. Now, write it down from memory several times. Include book, chapter, and verse. Check your work with the Bible.

#### DAY SIX - SATURDAY REPETITION AND MEDITATION

Quote the verse you have learned several times. Pause to think deeply about the meaning of this passage. Remember the things studied on Day One. Ponder again the application of this verse to your life. End this session by quoting the verse again several times.

DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY MEDITATION

What is the meaning of John 3:16? How does this verse fit in the context of verses 1-21? What does this verse teach about the character of God? What does this verse teach about man's faith in God? What does this verse teach about the price of sin? What does this verse teach about the love of Jesus? What does this verse teach about the hope of Heaven? What does this verse teach about faithfulness? How does this apply to my life?

How may I use this verse in teaching others?

From what error can this verse prevent me from being deceived?

