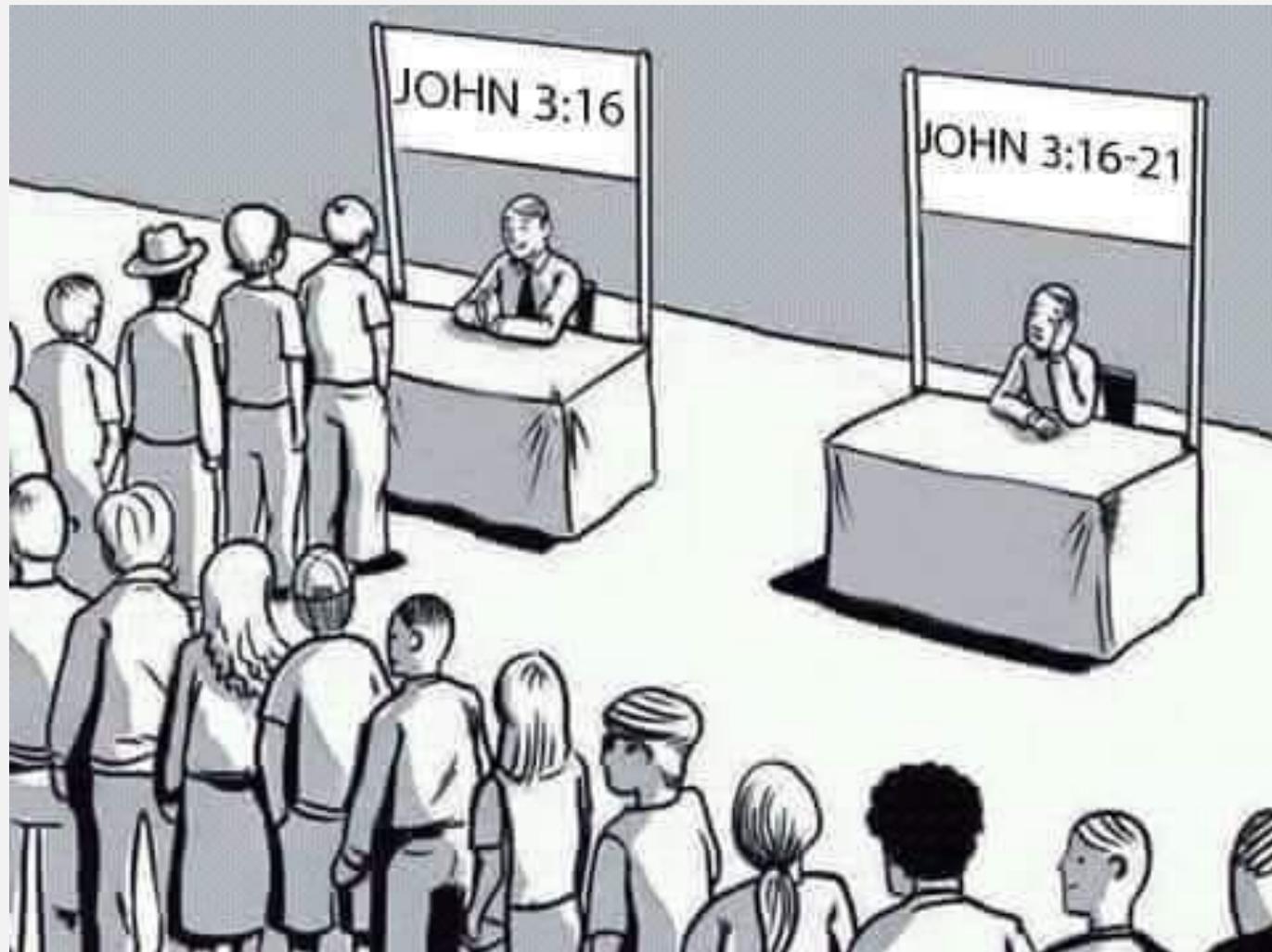


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John 3:16-21



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- People were bitten by fiery serpents and were dying
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- When they believed and looked on it they were healed and lived

AS Moses lifted up the **SERPENT** in the wilderness,



- The world was dying in sin
- Jesus was made to resemble sin and hung on a cross
 - Rom. 8:3
- Those that in belief look to Him are forgiven and have life

SO must the **SON OF MAN** be lifted UP.

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- **MAN'S FAITH**

- Those who believe shall not perish, but have everlasting life
- They are not condemned, unlike those who do not believe - Jn 3:18

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17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

- **GOD SENT HIS SON TO BRING SALVATION NOT CONDEMNATION**
- **GOD WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST TO SEND HIS SON TO JUDGE**
 - All have sinned – Rom. 3:23
 - But God is also loving, longsuffering and merciful
 - God is just, but also desires to be the justifier – Rom. 3:26
- **GOD WILL SEND HIS SON BACK TO JUDGE THE WORLD**
 - “because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.” – Acts 17:31

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18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- **JUDGMENT DEPENDS ON MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT**
 - Belief is the reasonable response to God's grace
 - Disbelief is a rejection of the Son of God as Savior
- **THE UNBELIEVER IS UNDER A SENTENCE OF CONDEMNATION**
 - The punishment will be administered when Christ comes back as Judge
- **THE BELIEVER IS NOT!!!**
 - The believer is saved now – Acts 13:38-39
 - The reward will be given when Christ comes back as Judge

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19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

- **MOST LOVE DARKNESS MORE THAN LIGHT**

- Light (Jesus) has come into the world - Jn 3:19; 1:5,9; 8:12
- But most love the darkness because of their evil deeds - Jn 3:19
- Their love for things of this world causes them to reject the light of Jesus
 - “Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.” - Lk 16:14

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20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

- **MOST DO NOT WANT TO BE EXPOSED BY THE LIGHT...**

- They know that coming to Jesus will expose their evil deeds - Jn 3:20
 - “But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.” - Eph 5:13
- They are unwilling to give up their evil deeds
- They are unwilling to submit to the new birth
- They are unwilling to acknowledge their sinfulness
- They are unwilling to repent
- Those willing to obey (*practices the truth*) do not fear the light - Jn 3:21

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21 But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.

- **BELIEVERS HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE**

- They “walk in the Light”

- **BELIEVERS DESIRE TO LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE**

- They seek to learn of Him
- They make it their practice to do the works God has revealed
- They know that by practicing the things God has revealed through the Holy Spirit they can be assured they are doing His will

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