

## ***“Jesus: Savior and Judge”***

*John 3:17-21*

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In John 3:17-21, Jesus gives Nicodemus, the religious leader of Israel, a lesson on the very basics of spiritual truth: sin, salvation, heaven, hell and who Jesus is. Nicodemus was lost in man-made religion, but Jesus wanted to set him free with truth. We need the same basic reminders today.

1. Jesus came the first time to save sinners.  
*“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged” (John 3:17-18a)*
2. People who reject Christ go to hell.  
*“he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18)*
3. People reject Christ because they love sin.  
*“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” (John 3:19)*
4. People reject Christ because they hate truth.  
*“For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed” (John 3:20)*
5. The few who love truth come to Christ.  
*“But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God” (John 3:21)*