

TCE daily devotions DAY FIVE (Wednesday)

God's boundless love for the world, for all of human existence, is expressed in the familiar words that follow the story of Jesus and Nicodemus. The Gospel writer is talking about *the way* God loved the world, which points us back to John 3:14. Suddenly, that Moses and the snake stuff makes more sense. Do you know the snake story?

Take a moment to read Numbers 21:4-9. What does this have to do with Jesus on the cross?

God loved the world *in this way*: God lifted up Jesus in the same manner that Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness to cure people bitten from snakes in the wilderness (Numbers 21:4–9). So God lifted up Jesus “that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

John 3:16 used to be seen at sporting events on a sign held up by a man in the crowd. Today it could be a Gospel message

“tweet” with just 131 characters. We have the promise that Jesus, the Son of God, came to bring light and life to the world. That seems enough to broadcast to the world.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

(John 3:16–17)

Speaking about being lifted up . . . How has your relationship with Jesus lifted YOU up? Lifted you up from what? To what has God's loved lifted you to?

And, I, if I be lifted up
from the earth,
I will draw ALL men
unto ME!" ~JESUS~

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