

Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you." Matthew 11:20–24 (ESV)

## Judgment is based upon works done in this life.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done... they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Revelation 20:12–13 (ESV)

For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:14 (ESV)

## Why is God so insistent that faith in Jesus is the only way?

### Applications

1. Get Pluralism out of your head.
2. Let this drive you to thankful worship.
3. Tell others that God loves them through Jesus. It is the only way of escape.

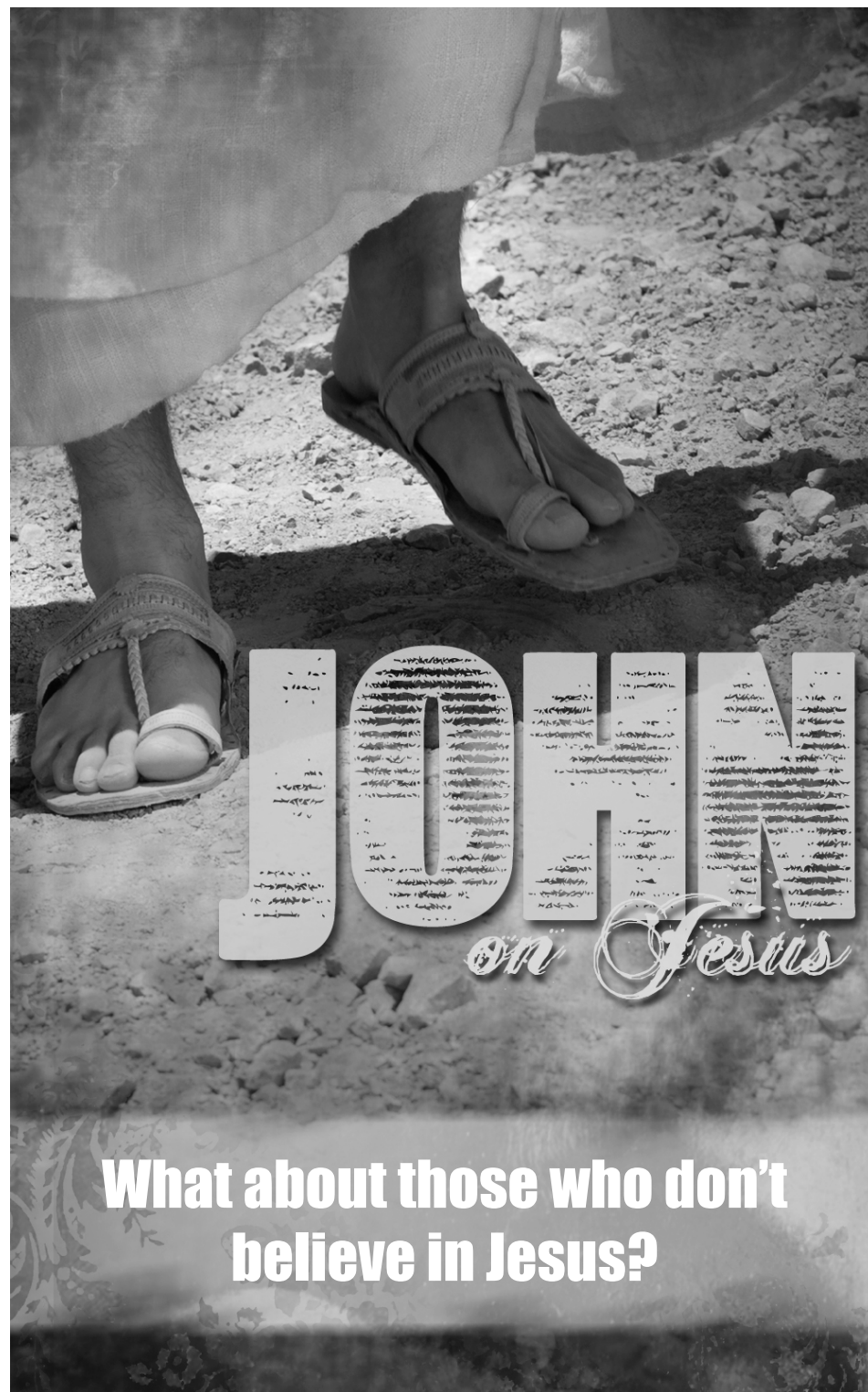
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John 3:17-21

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## God sent his son to save us, not condemn us.

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17 (ESV)*

## Those who do not believe in Jesus are still condemned.

*Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:18 (ESV)*

*The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:35-36 (ESV)*

## According to God, we are terminal with the sickness of sin.

*as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under*

*punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 (ESV)*

## Everybody eventually goes to heaven. - Universalism.

*...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who*

*Jesus forgives them all, without their asking for it. (Rob Bell, Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and Every person Who Ever Lived. (iBook Edition), pg. 418.*

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*And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:46 (ESV)*

## What should I remember when hell doesn't feel fair?

### God is all about justice.

*And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!” Revelation 16:7 (ESV)*

### Hell isn't the same for everyone.

### Judgment is based upon light received.

their lips. "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood: in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known." "There is no fear of God before their eyes." Romans 3:10–18 (ESV)

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23 (ESV)

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!... Romans 7:15–25 (ESV)

## What is condemnation for sin?

Condemnation begins with **consequences** for sinful choices.

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. Romans 1:26–27 (ESV)

Condemnation is completed by an eternity in **hell**.

## What is hell like?

Hell is described as a hideous **garbage dump**.

And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell (Gehenna), to the unquenchable fire. Mark 9:43 (ESV)

Hell is described as a lake of **fire**.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:14–15 (ESV)

and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:10 (ESV)

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.' Matthew 25:41 (ESV)

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## What are distortions of hell?

Hell is not **forever**. - Annihilationism.

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the