Series: That You Might Believe (John)

The Light that Shines Upon ALL Men (John 1:9b)

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

What does "all" mean? Who does the word "all" refer to?

- 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (c.f. 3:31; 3:35)
- 5:28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

Is Salvation for ALL? Everyone?

Some Verses Say that the World Rejects/Cannot Know the Truth

- 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- 3:19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- 14:17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
- 17:25 "O righteous Father! <u>The world has not known You</u>, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

Some Verses Say that God Chooses Some to Be Saved

- ALL 6:39 "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.
- 9:39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."
- 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but <u>I chose you out of the world</u>, therefore the world hates you.
- ALL 17:2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
- 17:6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
- 17:9 "I pray for them. <u>I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me</u>, for they are Yours.

Some Verses Say that Everyone Is Affected

- 1:9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.
- ALL 1:16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.
- 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of <u>the world</u>. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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- 9:5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- ALL 12:32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."
- 16:8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Some Verses Say that God's Intention Is to Save Everyone

- ALL 1:7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.
- ALL 3:15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- BOTH 3:16 "For <u>God so loved the world</u> that He gave His only begotten Son, that <u>whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life</u>.
- 3:17 "For <u>God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.</u>

Some Verses Say that Salvation Is Possible for All

- 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- 4:42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."
- 6:33 "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- ALL 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
- ALL 6:40 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."
- 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this
 bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I
 shall give for the life of the world."
- ALL 11:26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
- 12:46 "I have come *as* a light <u>into the world</u>, that <u>whoever believes in Me</u> should not abide in darkness.
- 12:47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
- 17:18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- 17:21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, <u>that the world may believe that You sent Me</u>.
- 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.