(Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-18)

"FOR GOD SO LOVED"

- 1. "GOD" THE GREATEST LOVER
  - (1 John 4:8) "for God is love" God embodies love; it's His essence. (1 John 3:1) "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us ..."
- 2. "SO LOVED" THE GREATEST DEGREE OR MEASUREMENT "So" God's love is the best, the tops, matchless, beyond casual.
- 3. "THE WORLD" THE GREATEST COMPANY

  Human love is often limited, but God's love is unlimited.

  (Mark 16:15) "He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel ... "
- 4. "THAT HE GAVE" THE GREATEST ACT
  God did more than just give a shout-out: "I love you guys."
  God's love is demonstrated, active, proved, and is undeniable. (Romans 5:6-9)
- 5. "GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON" THE GREATEST GIFT (2 Cor. 9:15) "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" The "world" should be giving thanks, and it is tragic that so many do not.
- 6. "THAT WHOEVER" THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY

  It's an open invitation to everyone, and yet it is personal, one and all.

  It reveals the impartiality of God's love: (2 Peter 3:9) "all should come"

  (Titus 2:11) "to all men" (Mark 16:15-16) "into all the world"

  (Matthew 11:28-30) "come unto Me all ye ... "
- 7. "BELIEVES" THE GREATEST CONDITION AND CHOICE
  Jesus' words take us back to the O.T. story in (Numbers 21:4-9), and God had Moses put a bronze serpent on a pole, and those bitten had to believe that looking at it would spare them.
  (v8) "when he looks at it, shall live."
- 8. "IN HIM" THE GREATEST ATTRACTION (John 6:66-69)
- 9. "SHOULD NOT PERISH" THE GREATEST PROMISE
- 10. "BUT HAVE" THE GREATEST CERTAINTY
  "Have" receive, possess, obtain, hold onto.
- 11. "EVERLASTING LIFE" THE GREATEST POSSESSION (1 John 2:25)