

4. God's Salvation is received through \_\_\_\_\_.

5. God's Salvation is how and why the \_\_\_\_\_ exists.



## Moses & the Bronze Serpent

Numbers 21

Sunday, May 16, 2021

*(14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,*

*(15) that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.*

*(16) For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:14-16*

*In John 3:14-16, Jesus highlights the story of the bronze serpent in Numbers 21 as pointing to Him and the salvation He brings. How is that so? Today we see 5 ways the bronze serpent points us to God's salvation in Jesus.*

1. God's Salvation is what we \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God's Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. God's Salvation is found in \_\_\_\_\_.

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**NEXT STEPS** to help us apply God's Word

- **If you are not yet a Christian**, what is keeping you from "looking to Jesus" right now? Is it that you don't see your need, the strangeness of God's salvation, unanswered questions, persisting doubts, looking to your own or the world's cures, or something else? What will it take for you to "look to Jesus"?
- **If you are a Christian**, are you looking to Jesus today or are you now looking to something else for your salvation, satisfaction, and fulfillment? What are you looking to right now and why? How can you fix your eyes on Jesus again?

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**NEXT WEEK** | *Moses & His Final Charge* | Deuteronomy



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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

What are you looking forward to most this summer once the Covid threat dissipates? Any plans this summer?

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-16 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh or challenging?
2. What are the parallels between the bronze snake lifted up in Numbers 21 and Jesus in John 3? How is Jesus God's snake and how is He lifted up?
3. Do you think most people won't/don't look to Jesus for salvation because they're too unaware of their sin OR because they're too

overwhelmed by their sin? In other words, do they not see their need for Jesus OR they don't believe Jesus can save?

4. Why is God's salvation strange and what does that strangeness require from us?
5. When we don't look to Jesus for salvation, satisfaction, and life, we look to other things because we always look to something. What personal and worldly cures are people looking to today?
6. Growth Group as Family: What do YOU look to for salvation, satisfaction, and life when you look away from Jesus? How does your Growth Group help you fix your eyes on Jesus? How can your group help you more?
7. Growth Group as Servant/Missionary: Who comes to your mind today as a person who needs Jesus, but is looking to other personal and worldly cures? How can you love, serve, and/or engage them in the next week or month?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for the continuing recovery.
- Use your prayer time to again "fix your eyes on Jesus" together. Pray for one another based on how you've shared.
- Pray for one another's needs and those who need Jesus.