**Verse**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**14. John 3:16**

**KJV** For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**CSB** **“For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”**

**ESV** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

When I Googled “3:16”, I expected to find something profound about God loving the world. But what I found instead was a WWF (now WWE) professional wrestler named Stone Cold Steve Austin and his famous remarks about Austin 3:16.

Once Stone Cold Steve Austin fought and beat Jake Roberts. ‘Jake the Snake’ wrestling character was a preacher. He would pray, and quote Bible verses. After Stone Cold Steve Austin beat Jake the Snake, he made a very mean and blasphemous remark about God, and prayer. He said, “You sit there and you thump your Bible and you say your prayers and it didn’t get you anywhere…” then he made a very blasphemous remark about his new verse Austin 3:16.

As we all know, the WWE gets a bit theatrical and they get lost in their characters. There is no doubt that what they do is sport, but it is a lot of yelling and showmanship. A lot of it is not real.

But what God did for us is real. JOHN 3:16 from the Bible is not make believe and it was not for show. It is the greatest act of love ever shown to the human race. The God of the Universe, the same God we learn about in Genesis 1:1, loved us so much that He sent His one and only son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus suffered and died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. He died so we could live forever with Him.

God wants us to share that message. The Bible says, “Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” God offers everyone the choice to live forever in peace with Him. We can live forever in a perfect and wonderful place called heaven. The Creator of the Universe loves us with a deep passion. It is the most important message that could ever be known. We need to share the good news with all people.

It is sad when you Google, “3:16” the number one hit is about a blasphemous remark concerning God. God offers salvation to all who believe.