

BIBLE STUDY CLASS: **John 3:16 | Matthew 7:1-2**

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What are **two** of the most recognizable and frequently used verses, especially in everyday conversation?

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John 1:29

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world!

Genesis 22:7-8

Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."

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For God so loved the world
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Matthew 7:1

“Judge not, that you be not judged.

Matthew 7:1-3

“Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

A stronger illustration

Johnny sees Tommy take a cookie before lunchtime.

Johnny points at Tommy and says:

“Tommy! You are bad! You always do things you're not supposed to do!”

But Johnny has been sneaking cookies before lunch too.

Then the teacher catches both of them.

Johnny says: “But Tommy did it!”

The teacher replies: “Johnny, you are judging Tommy for doing the very thing you are doing.”

A strongest illustration

A child points his finger at another child and says:

“Look at your dirty face!”

But when he points, three fingers are pointing back at himself.

That's a very memorable visual:

One finger points at someone else.

Three fingers point back at me.

A simpler illustration

Imagine two children holding measuring sticks.

One child says:

“You are too short!”

But then he uses a different measuring stick for himself.

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UNITY
PEACE

For example:

**“When I make a mistake, I want you to
understand me.**

**When you make the same mistake, I
want to condemn you.”**

That is the kind of attitude Jesus is warning
against. That’s a **double standard**, too.



**“False weights and
unequal measures —
the Lord detests double
standards of every kind.”**

- PROVERBS 20:10 NLT

RELIGION SAYS
“DO MORE TO
BE COMPLETE.”

GRACE SAYS
‘CHRIST DID IT
ALL—YOU ARE
COMPLETE!’

Why is the gospel of
Grace so offensive to
the self righteous?
Because Grace takes
the glory away from
man and gives it to
God.