



Sermon Outline

This three-point sermon is based on John 3:16 and includes a physical illustration using a rose bush. The sermon has a word count of a little over 2,800 words and includes an altar call.

The Thorn Easter Experience materials all have three key points and the sermon reflects these points:

1. **An immeasurable love ... Jesus lived for me.** Jesus came to earth because of love. He lived a life of love. He came with a clear mission. The Bible says, "*The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost*" (Luke 19:10 NIV).

Recommended: *Do the adulterous woman drama after this first point*

2. **An astonishing sacrifice ... Jesus died for me.** No one is free of sin. So God in His love gave His only Son to take our punishment upon Himself.

Recommended: *Show the sermon illustration video after this second point*

3. **An enduring hope...Jesus rose for me.** Jesus' story did not end on the cross. The sermon references Mark 16:6, which says, "*You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.*"

Recommended: *Perform the featured song, "How Could You Say No?" after this point, and follow it with an altar call.*

This sermon is meant to be customized, so use as much or as little of it as you need, and change it to fit with your personal style and the needs of your congregation.