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16 For God so loved the world that he gave\* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life

**On John 21, 15-17**, Jesus Christ asked Peter the same question three times, 'Peter, do you love me?' and Peter answered the question positively. Now let us take the other side of the coin which is mankind asking God, 'God do you really love mankind and how far can you go loving mankind?' **Verse 16** of today's gospel answers mankind's question... **YES I DO REALLY LOVE YOU MANKIND...AND THE FARTHEST I CAN GO PROVING MY LOVE FOR YOU IS GIVE MY ONLY SON.** In the prologue of '**John 1, 1** In the beginning\* was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... **14** And the Word became flesh...' The Father gave us His only Son who is so dear to Him just to prove that He really loves us so.

Next stage is, after gracing mankind-now mankind it is your turn...and that is DO SOMETHING...which is JUST BELIEVE IN MY SON. On matter of faith, let us remember two principles; **1. Faith seeks understanding** (Yahweh does not like blind faith. That is why we have the so-called Divine Revelation so that this faith would have **the** foundation) and **2. When reason ends, faith begins** (In as much as we want to explain faith, time will come that reason is not enough to fully explain faith).

Lastly, stage #01 (God's initiative loving mankind) and stage #02 (mankind's response to God)...these two stages would eventually lead to another grace which is beyond compare MANKIND ENJOYING ETERNAL BLISS WITH GOD---ETERNAL LIFE.

Mankind in response to God's love to us, why don't we embrace also this saying, "**I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.**" – **Mother Teresa**