

**eXplain it**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Numbers 21:4-9 (The Bronze Serpent)**  
**Psalm 107:1-9,19 (Give thanks to the Lord ...)**  
**1 Timothy 2:1-6 (Pray for all People)**  
**James 1:22-27 (Doers of the Word)**  
**John 16:23-33 (I Have Overcome the World)**

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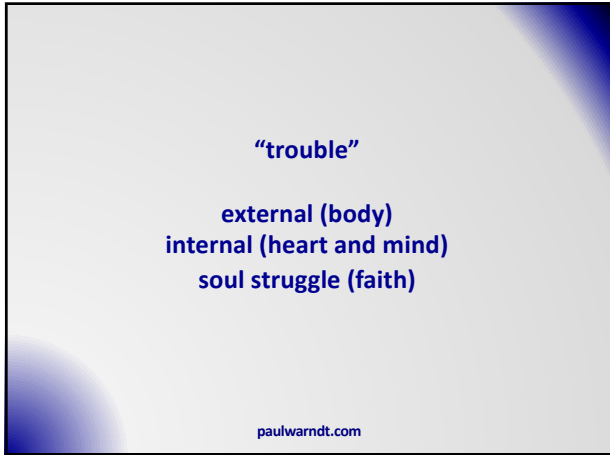
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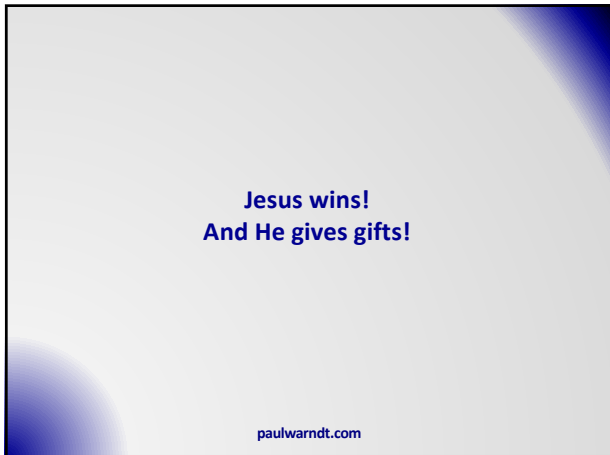
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**John 14:1-ff: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God, trust also in me." (NIV)**

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**The Triune God Blesses  
Numbers 6:23-27**

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**Numbers 6:22-27: The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:**

**" 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' "**

**27" So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (NIV)**

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**Numbers**  
(corruption, rebellion and redemption)

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**The People Grumble, Complain,  
and Rebel**

the golden calf (Exodus 32)  
 "back to Egypt" (Numbers 11)  
 the report of the 12 spies (Num. 13)  
 wandering for 40 years  
 Korah's rebellion (Num. 16)  
 the sin of Moses (Num. 20)  
 the bronze serpent (Num. 21)

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**Numbers 11:4-6: The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost-also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" (NIV)**

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**Numbers 20:2-5: Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord !  
 4Why did you bring the Lord 's community into this desert, that we and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!" (NIV)**

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**Snake Bit  
 Numbers 21**

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**Numbers 21:4-9: They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5they spoke against God and against Moses, and said ... (NIV)**

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**Numbers 21:5-6: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" 6Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. (NIV)**

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**Numbers 21:7-9: The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. (NIV)**

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**Numbers 21:8-9: The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (NIV)**

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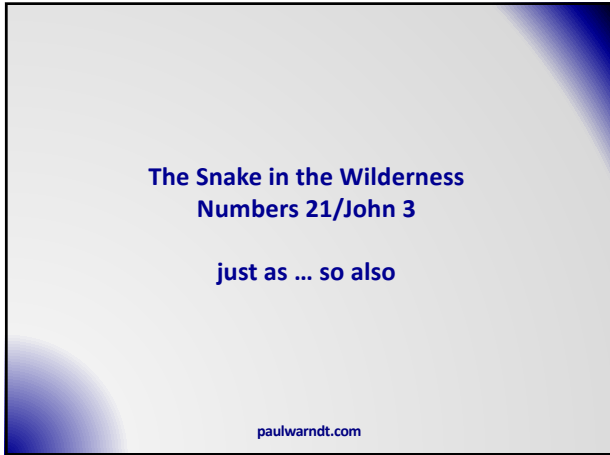
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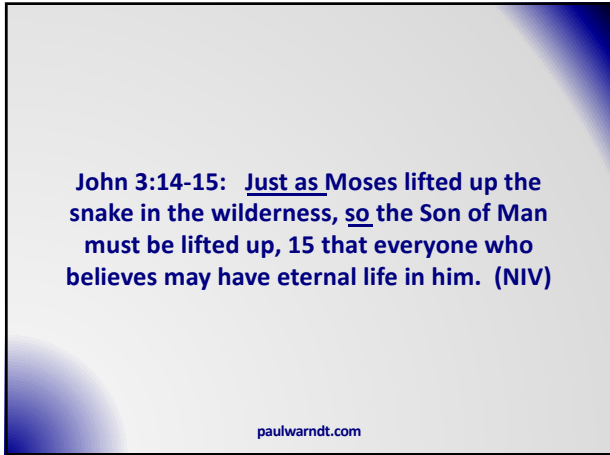
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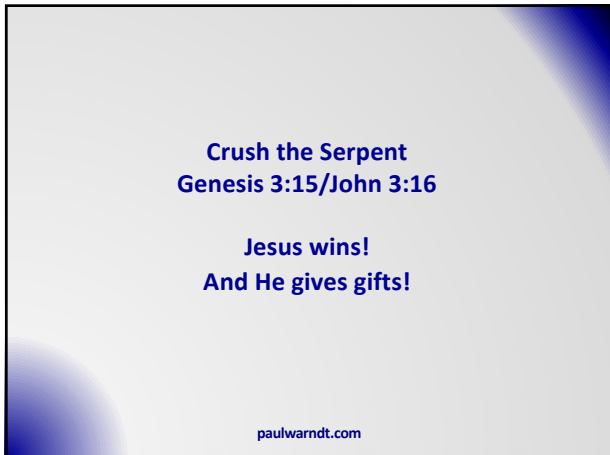
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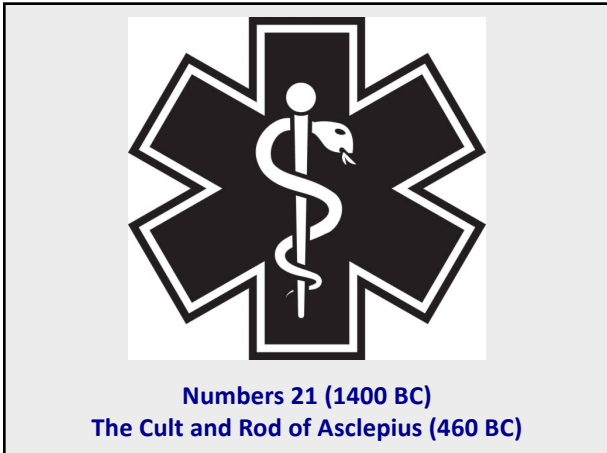
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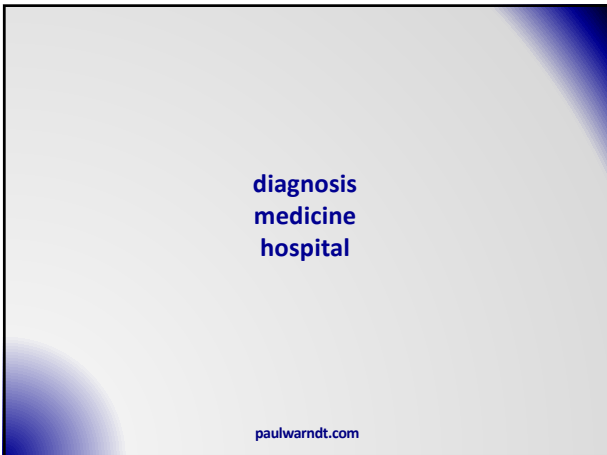
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**Two Voices**

acknowledge the trouble  
affirm the promises

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<b>"Words"</b> (world, devil, sinful flesh) ACKNOWLEDGE	<b>God's Word</b> (the Scriptures) AFFIRM
"I feel ..."	But God's Word says ...
"It seems ..."	"Friends":
"I think ..."	"Daggers":

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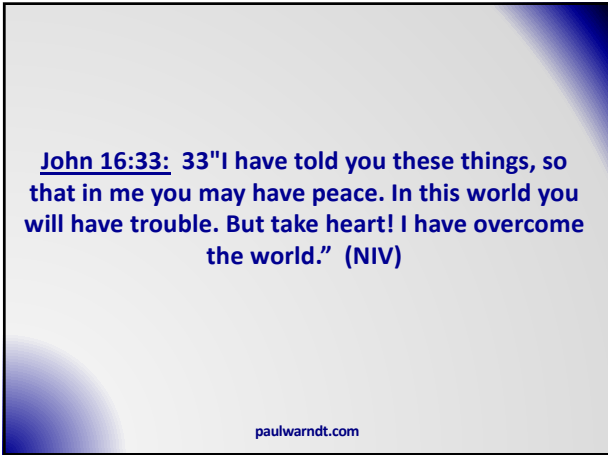
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