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"LOOK" IS THE GOSPEL John Greene | Pastor Emeritus

TEXT: John 3:14-15: Numbers 21:4-9 KJV **TRUTH:** Many historical events of the Old Testament are pictures of New Testament truth. **INSIGHT:** There is a word for these pictures: types. TRUTH: The message of the Old Testament is "Someone is coming." The message of the 4 gospels is "Someone has come, and His name is Jesus." The message of the epistles is "Jesus is coming again!" INSIGHT: The brass serpent on the pole is a picture, a type of Christ. God promised that all who looked at the serpent believing were delivered from death. **TRUTH:** Numbers 21:4-9 was chosen by Jesus to illustrate how to be saved. I. A PICTURE OF SIN 1) They doubted God's promise. 2) They loathed God's provision (Num. 21:5). INSIGHT: The manna was small, representing the humility of Christ; on the ground, representing the accessibility of Christ; white, representing the purity of Christ; round, representing the perfection of Christ.

TRUTH: Israel's sin, like mine and yours, was the cause of their difficult life.

	TRUTH: The pain of the snake bite was God's message that sin always produces pain (Rom. 6:23; James 1:15).
III.	THE PICTURE OF OUR SAVIOR
	TRUTH: When you are willing to see yourself not as a "mistaker" but as a sinner, you are ready to see Jesus a your Savior.
	WHAT THE PICTURE MEANS: The serpent in Numbers 21:8 is a picture of sin. The serpent is brass because it's a picture of judgment. The pole is a picture of the cross.
V.	A PICTURE OF OUR SALVATION, Num. 21:8
	1) The Christian life begins with a look (Isa. 45:22). 2) The Christian life continues by looking (Heb. 12:2). 3) The Christian life ends with us still looking for Jesus (Phil. 3:20).

Passage for next Sunday: Genesis 22:1-19

