

What Manner of Man Is This? - 01/29/20

The Love of Jesus Christ

TEXT – Joh 11:32-44 *Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, 34 And said, **Where have ye laid him?** They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, **Behold how he loved him!***

INTRO- John is the Apostle whom Jesus loved.

Hypostatic union –God and man – His attributes all work together.

John 13:23 *Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom **one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.***

John 19:26 *When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and **the disciple standing by, whom he loved,** he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!*

John 21:20 *Then Peter, turning about, seeth **the disciple whom Jesus loved following;** which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?*

I. The Love of Jesus Christ Is Declared in the Incarnation

1 Jn 4:9-10 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

II. The Love of God Is Demonstrated By His Works

A. He ate with publicans and sinners

- He cared for the outcast.
- He healed the sick and maimed

B. He exhibited grace

Eph 2:4-7 *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

James 4:6 *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

2 Co 8:9 *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

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C. He took the role of a servant

Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Php 2:4-8 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

John 15:9-13 *As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15:17 *These things I command you, that ye love one another.*

III. The Love of God Is Displayed in His Crucifixion

Rom 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

1 Jn 3:16 *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

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IV. The Love of God is Discovered in Salvation

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

1 Jn 4:9 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

V. God declared His Love for the Church

Eph 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

CONCL –

Ephesians 3:17-19 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (19) **And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

1. The Breadth Of God's Love – 1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

His love is from the East to the West. The Love of God covers every man, woman, and child. There are none exempt! There is not a race, color, or creed rejected! His love is for the whole world

2. The Length Of God's Love – Psalms 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. **God's love is not only universal in its scope; it is longsuffering in its forbearance. God is compassionate, gracious, longsuffering, and merciful.**

3. The Depth Of God's Love – 1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **The wickedest man in the world is a candidate for His great salvation.**

4. The Height Of God's Love – Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: **His wonderful love is far greater than all of our sin put together.**

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. His love was manifested in the giving of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

"Oh, how He loves you and me! Oh, how He loves you and me!"

"Jesus to Calvary did go. His precious blood to bestow. He gave His life; what more could He do! Oh, how he loves you! Oh, how He loves me! Oh, how He loves you and me!"

Rom 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.