

Easter Sunday – "Love That Lasts"



What is Greater Love?

John 15:9-13 _{NLT}

⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.





"Love is a special word, and I use it only when I mean it.

You say the word too much and it becomes cheap."



Ray Charles

Jesus' Love – Forgiveness & Mercy

John 8:3-5 NLT

³ As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

⁴ "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"



Jesus' Love - Humble, Serving & Loyal

John 13:1-2, 4-7 _{NLT}

¹ "Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper... ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin... he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel...⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."



Jesus' Love – Compassionate & Eternal

John 11:17, 21,25-26, 43-44 _{NLT}

- ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days.
- ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. <u>Anyone who believes in me will live</u>, <u>even after dying</u>. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die...
- ⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"





"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."



Mahatma Gandhi

Jesus' Love - Deeply Relational

Luke 24:35-40 _{NLT}

35 ...the two (followers) from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them... 36 And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled... ³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? 39 Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." 40 As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"



Jesus' Love – A Lasting Covenant

1 Cor 11:23-25 NLT

²³ ...On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it."

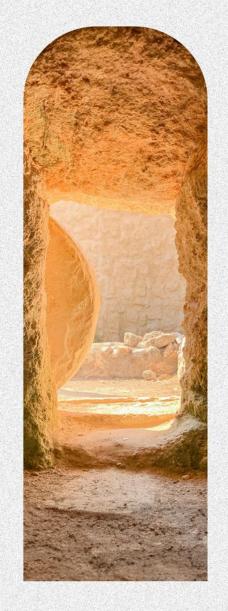


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