




To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Gospel of
JOHN
"Come and See"

John 3:16-21
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God So Loved

This is a continuation of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus

John 3

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night ...

³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Why

How

John 3

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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Our Need

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned,
but whoever does not believe is *condemned* already



Chaos: Hopeless and Helpless

We needed rescues from the outside

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Our Need

To understand the magnitude of God's love
I first need understand the magnitude of my need
and then the magnitude God went to redeem me

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God's Why



Hebrew
"Hesed"
Steadfast Love

Greek
"Agape"
Unconditional Love

that he gave his only Son

God's How



Romans 5:8

...but God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Outrageously Costly

In God's eyes, His sacrifice was worth it

that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life

Whoever Believes

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1 John 4:16

So we have come **to know and to believe the love** that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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God's Gift

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Does Wicked Things
My Works

Does What is True
God's Works

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Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

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Love is Magnetic

Love Propels

Love Overcomes

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Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

John 7

⁵⁰ **Nicodemus**, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, ⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?”

John 19

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ **Nicodemus** also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (“unified”) church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.