

“For God So Loved the World”
John 3:16-18

Vs.16

God's Love Displayed

- God IS love (1 John 4:8). Any true love you experience finds its source in God.
- Love is proven by actions, not just words.

God displayed his love for us by sending His own Son to die for us! “...*that He gave His **only** Son..*” (3:16, Romans 5:8)

Why do we need a savior? - Because God is perfectly righteous and just (James 1:13, Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 92:15) and we are not (Romans 3:11-12, 3:23, 6:23).

Jesus is 100% God and 100% man: (Philippians 2:5-8)

Why did Christ need to be a man?

- Only a man could represent us. Sin was committed by man, so justice requires that man answer for it (1 Corinthians 15:21)
- We inherited a sin nature through the man Adam, redemption comes through the God-man Jesus Christ.
- Christ never once sinned. All of His thoughts, words and deeds were sinless, unlike us! (2 Corinthians 5:21). Christ had to perfectly obey God's law that you and I never could.
- Christ undid the failure of Adam. He succeeded where Adam did not. (Hebrews 4:16)
- Death requires a mortal nature. Since Christ came to die in our place, He had to take on flesh.

Only a **man** could represent us, and only **God** could save us! On the cross is where we see the love of God and the justice of God perfectly on display.

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Christ's first coming was not to bring judgment, but to make the way of salvation.

- God's desire for you is that you would repent of your sins and place your faith in Him.

Every day you have is because of His patience towards you (2 Peter 3:9, Romans 2:4)

“Whoever does not believe is condemned already...” Condemnation is the natural state we find ourselves in due to our sin.

John 14:6 - “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.”

- The Gospel is totally inclusive because the offer goes out to all, and whoever would believe can have salvation.
- The Gospel is totally exclusive in the sense that if you try to attain salvation through any other method than Christ, you're doomed to fail.

Worship: Silent Night — *Various Artists*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — *Various Artists*

Joy To The World — *Various Artists*

Closing Song: Crown Him — *Citizens*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p