

## God's Passion: Love for All - Day 7

*The passion of the Lord was for the world- for humanity. His willingness to reach out to all from His great, big incomprehensible love touches the heart with the revelation that transforms hearts and lives. The declaration by the sacrifice of Jesus holds an unstoppable love for humankind.*

*This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God. ~ 1 John 4:10  
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Consider some of the most famous words in scripture: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16, NIV). These are often the first memory verses for children. They are engraved on our walls, in our books, copied in our journals, and repeated every Easter. Yet, they are so much more than words to memorize and repeat out of routine. May the common never rob this verse from its incredible revelation.



The words of John 3:16 are a love declaration. It wasn't simply because God liked us, felt obligated toward us, or pitied us that He sent Jesus with the redemption plan. It was so much more—it was because His heart was full of so much love. The sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross was full of pain and sorrow. He experienced deep grief in taking on the weight of sin of the world for the sake of saving humanity. Though He lived in the perfected, incomparable, wondrous love of the Triune, He chose to sacrifice that heavenly great company for a season and come to earth in order to make all things right.

The Father's love for His created and beloved was and is that deep, that complicated, that concentrated and ever fixed. It's a paradox: giving His Son Jesus doesn't make sense. The gift is too big. The love He offers is so incredibly undeserved and can never be fully appreciated. It is, simply put, incomprehensible. With Jesus, we were given absolutely everything. The forgiveness, the salvation, the redemption, the freedom, the family welcome. He poured love letters, healing, newness, gifting, and victories over us. Yet all this doesn't compare with the statement that God was making in giving us Jesus. He was giving Himself to us; His life to us, for us. For a love price so high, the relationship is eternally bound. His declaration of love for us is irrevocable. The Father's affection is sealed and on display for all generations around the world to know until He returns.

Oh, how He loved us through Jesus. He revealed to us His signature mark of who He truly is and what He is doing and is all about!

### **Prayer**

*Thank you, God of passion  
for being a giving God.  
You didn't have to give,  
You chose to anyways.  
Thank you for Your sacrifice, sorrow and grief.  
By the gift of Your Son, Jesus  
You made all things right.  
I am grateful!  
Amen.*