## **♦**SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, September 16, 2018

## "DO YOU LOVE JESUS?"

(John 21:15-25)

Today we conclude our series from the Gospel of John. John tells us the reason for his gospel, "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31, ESV). The last chapter of John presses the issue further. Believing is important but do you really love Jesus?

1. If we love a person, we like to	<u>.</u>
2. If we love a person, we like to	
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4. If we love a person, we like to	
5. If we love a person, we like	
6. If we love a person, we are	
7. If we love a person, we like to	
8. If we love a person, we like to be	
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"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 103:8, ESV).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, ESV).

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, ESV).

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35-39, ESV).

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"If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15, ESV).

- 1. If we love a person, we like to think about him.
- 2. If we love a person, we like to hear about him.
- 3. If we love a person, we like to read about him.
- 4. If we love a person, we like to please him.

- 5. If we love a person, we like his friends.
- 6. If we love a person, we are jealous about his name and honor.
- 7. If we love a person, we like to talk to him.
- 8. If we love a person, we like to be always with him.
  - To love the Lord is to follow Him wherever He leads.
  - To love the Lord is to obey Him whatever He asks.
  - To love the Lord is to trust Him whatever the trial.

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed...If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name" (1 Peter 4:12-13, 16, ESV).