

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1015: Condemned to Death, How Did Jesus Love His Enemies?

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See:

1. What are the four principles of love Jesus outlined for us? How do the words of Judas show his heart condition? What do we learn about Jesus' heart? Contrast their actions. (See Matthew 26:14-16, Luke 6:27-28, John 12:2-6, 13:21-27)
2. How did Jesus' interaction with Judas at the time of his betrayal illustrate how Jesus loved his enemies? What should we learn from Judas' attempt to rush the establishment of God's kingdom? (See Matthew 26:47-50, Mark 14:41-46, Luke 22:45-48)
3. Who were the Pharisees? What was Jesus' technique in dealing with them as they tried to question and trap him? How did he show his love to the scribes, chief priests and Sadducees? How did Jesus respond to their questions? (See Matthew 16:1,4, 21:14-15, 22:18-24)
4. How did Jesus demonstrate love to those who tried to bring false charges against him? What did Jesus have to do to allow those charges to be brought against him? How was Jesus able to hold up through the disgrace of false condemnation? How have you responded when others have falsely accused you of something? How should you respond? (See Matthew 26:57-68)
5. What was Jesus' reaction to Pilate? How does this illustrate his love for Pilate? How does Jesus reply when Pilate tells Jesus he has the authority to have him crucified? Contrast the leadership qualities between Pilate, the chief priests and Jesus. (See John 18:33-40, 19:8-15, Matthew 27:20-26)
6. How did Jesus demonstrate his great love for humanity, even those who were responsible for his torture and murder? What had he come to earth to do? What does this love teach us about how we should treat others? (See Isaiah 53:4-6)
7. What were the ways in which Jesus protected and did good to everyone around him in the last hours of his life? Who stood by him in this terrible experience? How did he react to the soldiers and the crowds as they reviled and insulted him? (See Matthew 26:52, 27:39-44, Luke 22:51-52, 23:36-37, 1 Peter 2:22-23, Isaiah 53:7-9)
8. What is the real message of the cross for all of mankind? How did Jesus translate his love for his enemies into blessings for all of humanity? What are the biblical promises regarding God's kingdom? (See Daniel 2:44, Colossians 1:18-20, Acts 3:20-21, Philippians 2:8-11)
9. How do the biblical prophecies describe earthly restoration resulting from the redemption price paid by Jesus? Where will the blessing come from? (See Isaiah 51:3, 65:21-25, Micah 4:1-5)
10. Explain Isaiah 53:10-12. Why would God have been pleased to "crush" Jesus? What will be the wonderful final result of Jesus' love for his enemies and all mankind? (See Revelation 21:4) What will you do to love your enemies?