

Oh How He Loves Us

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❖ Intro

- The Miracle
- The Conversations
- Today
 - It is clear to me that this is a story of great love...
 - Among other things...
 - But it is clear from the first verse we will look at that Jesus loves us
 - Summed up by these five points:
 - 1) Seeking
 - 2) Believing
 - 3) Worship
 - 4) Judgment
 - 5) Blindness

❖ Seeking: Jesus Finds Us

- **Think About this...**
 - ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
 - The Calling of His Disciples in Ch 1
 - The Woman at the Well Ch. 4
 - The Lame Man in Ch 5
- **Jesus is Seeking us**
 - I want to let Jesus illustrate how He seeks us....
 - Lets look at how we are viewed by Jesus...
 - **We are His Sheep**
 - Luke 15:1-8 ¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
 - **How many times have I searched for cows?**
 - ◆ Searched and searched for hours...
 - ◆ After about 4 of these hours I am ready to give up...
 - **Jesus is relentless...**
 - ◆ He seeks us for years...
 - ◆ Look at how he comes for us

- **We Are His Treasure**

- Luke 15:8-10⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- ♦ **You May Not Believe this.... But I have a tendency to Mismatch things...**

- **I have a number of flaws and that is one of them**

- Anyone share in this flaw with me?

- **One of these things is my Wallet**

- Last year it had been missing for three days....
- Normal operating procedure is to not worry until 48 hours had passed...
- We were really worrying...
- Had some money in there... My license, debit and credit cards, SS card, Birth Certificate

- **My whole family had started searching....**

- I was at the point of calling every place I had been in the past three days
- My wallet is valuable to me... not just because of the money
- But the information in it, and the time and money it would take to replace

- **We searched and searched...**

- So finally my wife thought of this grand idea.... Lets pray for it...
- It wasn't five minutes and she found it in my truck in a very precarious place...
- That could have easily been lost for much longer

- ♦ **We were so excited when we found it...**

- Even my kids were super excited.... I even think Heather Jenkins was involved in the search and she was excited...

- **Jesus Views us as the Greatest Treasure**

- **Good News Isn't It?**

- We are His Sheep... and He protects us, feeds us, provides for us, and cares for us
- We are His Treasure
 - ♦ Think about that... You are of great worth to Jesus...

- **More Proof**

- **We have seen Him go out of His way** to find people throughout the book of John

- ♦ Sinful people

- **We have heard how He views us**

- ♦ As His Sheep and His Treasure

- **Look at What He did**

- ♦ **1) He came for us**

- John 3:16-17¹⁶ “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.

- ♦ **2) He died for us**

- Hebrews 12:2² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **How do you Respond?**

- **O Sinner** – After He has done all for you and offered all for you

- Is your pride still too great to humble yourself and repent before a merciful Jesus
- **O Child of God**
 - Have you forgotten the lengths that Jesus went to for you?
 - Have you forgotten the feeling of having all of your guilt removed and taken away by Jesus
 - Do you live your life in a way that a Child of God ought to live
 - Have you begun to take the Grace of Jesus for granted?
- **Let us Respond Rightly**
 - By Following
 - By Daily Repentance
 - By Serving
 - By Seeking Him in prayer and through His Word

❖ **Believing: Must Be our Response**

- **“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”** ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.
- **The Miracle had been Done**
 - The man had been questioned... And was a great Testimony...
 - He went toe to toe with the Pharisees
 - He knew Jesus had healed him...
 - And He knew Jesus was from God...
 - But He did not yet believe on Him for who Jesus is
- **The Man’s Amazing Transition**
 - Vs 11 The man named Jesus
 - Vs 17 He is a prophet
 - Vs 25 I don’t know if He is a sinner
 - Vs 33 this man is from God
 - Vs 38 Lord I Believe
- **The Importance of believing in Jesus for who He is**
 - It is so important because it is easy to believe in a false god that you name Jesus
- **Believing leads to Worship....**

❖ **Worship: Knowing and Experiencing Jesus Leads to Worship**

- ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.
- **Worship** – pros kun eo
 - To bow down on your knees and kiss the feet
 - To pay homage and reverence to someone Superior
- **This man experienced a great physical miracle...**
 - Then He is confronted with the question: Do you believe in the Son of Man?
 - Son of Man – This is Jesus favorite title for himself...
 - ◆ It was a messianic title in a sense
 - ◆ Jesus had already said in
 - **John 3.14-15 “Just like Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life”**
- **Jesus simply says, I am He**
 - And based off of what Jesus had done for him...
 - And God’s Spirit working in the man...
 - He simply says... YES.... And then He worships Jesus...

- **Our Response should be Worship:**
 - Where we literally and figuratively get down on our knees daily and worship Jesus...
- **Definition of Worship:**
 - **Louie Giglio:** Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done; expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.
 - **John Piper:** Strong affections for God, rooted in and shaped by the truth of Scripture – this is the bone and marrow of biblical worship.
- **How do you Worship Jesus?**
 - Just think about it?
 - What do you actively do that shows you worship him...
 - B/c being at church doesn't necessarily mean u worship Jesus

❖ **Judgment: Jesus' Coming Inevitably Leads to Judgment**

- ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."
- **This Could be Tricky**
 - **What have we heard before?**
 - John 12.47 For I did not come to judge the world but to save it
 - John 3:17 ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
- **This is not contradictory...**
 - Jesus never said He was not a judge...
 - As a matter of fact we know he will judge in the end
 - John 5:22 ²² The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,
- **Judgment Was Not His Primary Purpose when he was born into the world**
 - John 3:17 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.
- **Great Example by John Piper Illustrating what this means...**
 - Consider a man involved in a war...
 - And He is wounded very badly... and his arm is in terrible shape
 - And gang green is starting to set in...
 - So they get in the radio and call in the medic...
 - He arrives at the soldier... and the soldier looks at him and says...
 - Doc, are you here to cut off my arm?
 - And the Doc says... No, I am here to Save your life!
 - To Save the man's life, He was going to have to cut off His arm...
- **Judgment is Inevitable when Jesus comes into the world to save sinners...**
 - Because those who do not believe will be judged by their non belief
- **His Judgment is:**
 - Those who do not see may see....
 - He opens the eyes of the blind
 - Those who see may become blind...
 - This phrase is understood by what he says next to the Pharisees that question Him

❖ **Blindness: Claiming to See When You Don't Leaves you Blind.**

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- **The Pharisees claimed to know God...**

- They kept saying we See.... We know the things of God...
- They claimed to be the children of Abraham
- They claimed to be the disciples of Moses....

➤ **Jesus Responded to them**

- If you were Abraham's children you would do His works...
 - And His work was believing what I said
 - And you do not believe me
- If you were Moses disciples/followers
 - You would believe in me because Moses wrote about me...

➤ **In this chapter alone... they said**

- Vs 16 – this man is not from God
- Vs 24 – we know this man is a sinner
- Vs 29 – we do not know where this man comes from
 - Even though Jesus had repeatedly told them that He had come from above
 - And was even specific in saying He had come from the Father

➤ **The Problem:**

- After all that had been told them
- And all the proof presented to them
- They still said, we know what we are doing, we know what we are talking about

➤ **Never Could Admit they were wrong**

- And that is the problem today isn't it
- Millions of people are presented with the gospel
- And the truth of it hits them in their heart
- But they can not admit they are wrong and that they need to forgiveness of Jesus
 - Or they may be willing to say, I accept Jesus
 - But they are never willing to Follow him...
 - Because following him means they have to give up things
 - Or loose friends
- Don't be like the Pharisees were:
 - **John 12:42-43 ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.**
- **Belief without Confession and Worship is not a saving belief!**

❖ **Invitation**

- Has Jesus Opened your eyes yet?
- Have you truly begun to follow Him?
- Do you worship Jesus?