**The Launch of Love**

**John 3:15-18**

**Thesis: The love of God is the heart of the Bible.**

***“The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen…”***

**When Jesus launched His earthly ministry, it was the launch of love (John 3:15-18)**

**How does this message speak to our hearts?**

**I. THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER INTRODUCES JESUS’ MINISTRY OF LOVE.**

 **A. He testifies to Jesus’ deity (John 1:29-34).**

 **B. He testifies to Jesus’ humanity (Matthew 3:13-17).**

 **C. He testifies to Jesus’ mission (John 1:29; Luke 3:15-18).**

**II. THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CONFIRMS HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE (John 20:30, 31).**

 **A. Jesus confirmed His power over Satan (Luke 4:1-13, 31-37).**

 **B. Jesus confirmed His power over sin (Luke 5:17-26).**

 **C. Jesus confirmed His power over nature (John 2:1-11; Luke 5:2-11).**

 **D. Jesus confirmed His power over disease (Luke 5:12, 13).**

 **E. Jesus confirmed His power over death (John 4:46-54).**

**III. THE TESTIMONY OF GOD’S CREATIVE PURPOSE REVEALS THE POWER OF JESUS’**

 **MINISTRY OF LOVE.**

 **A. God created people because His nature demanded it (I John 4:7, 8).**

 **B. We are who we are because of God’s creative purpose (Acts 17:28, 29).**

 **C. God’s will for your life is based upon the reason He created people (Mark 12:28-31).**

 **D. God’s creative purpose was the motivation for Jesus’ ministry of love (Romans 5:6-11;**

 **Ephesians 2:1-10).**

 **E. Look what the power of Jesus’ love can do:**

 **1. It took twelve ordinary men and turned the world upside down (Luke 12:12-16).**

 **2. It took an elite, skeptical Jewish ruler and prompted him to assist in the burial of**

 **of Jesus’ body (John 3:1-18).**

 **3. It took a morally loose, Samaritan woman and led her to faith in Jesus, and through**

 **her influence, an entire city as well (John 4:5-29).**

**Look what the power of Jesus’ love can do for you:**

* **You can become a newly created person - God’s masterpiece workmanship - because of the love**

**of Jesus (I Peter 3:18; John 3:5-8; Romans 6:3-7; Ephesians 2:8-10; II Corinthians 5:17).**

* **You can experience and enjoy an intimate love relationship with God, which is eternal life, because of the love of Jesus (John 17:3; I John 5:11, 12).**
* **“The greatest love story is the old rugged cross” (I John 4:10).**

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