



from  
*death*  
to *life*  
cross theology  
part II



### *John 19:14-30*

It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, "Look, here is your King!" "Away with Him," they yelled. "Away with Him! Crucify Him!" "What? Crucify your King?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the leading priests shouted back. Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus away. Carrying the cross by Himself, He went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha).



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There they nailed Him to the cross. Two others were crucified with Him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it. Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, “Change it from ‘The King of the Jews’ to ‘He said, I am King of the Jews.’ ”



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Pilate replied, “No, what I have written, I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided His clothes among the four of them. They also took His robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said, “Rather than tearing it apart, let’s throw dice for it.” This fulfilled the Scripture that says, “They divided My garments among themselves and threw dice for My clothing.” So that is what they did.



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Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and His mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother standing there beside the disciple He loved, He said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." And He said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home. Jesus knew that His mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture He said, "I am thirsty."



### *John 19:14-30*

A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to His lips. When Jesus had tasted it, He said, “It is finished!” Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.



# Cross Theology

The cross is how God forgives our sin.

The cross is how God defeats evil.







Symbol of power of empire → Symbol of power of God

Instrument of human suffering → Instrument of Jesus' love

Expression of imminent death → Expression of eternal hope

**The cross has come to represent  
the opposite of its original purpose.**



**The Cross is how God defeats evil.**

It was the unexpected fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures.







### *Luke 24:19-27*

The things that happened to Jesus, the Man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a Prophet who did powerful miracles, and He was a mighty Teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified Him. We had hoped He was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago...



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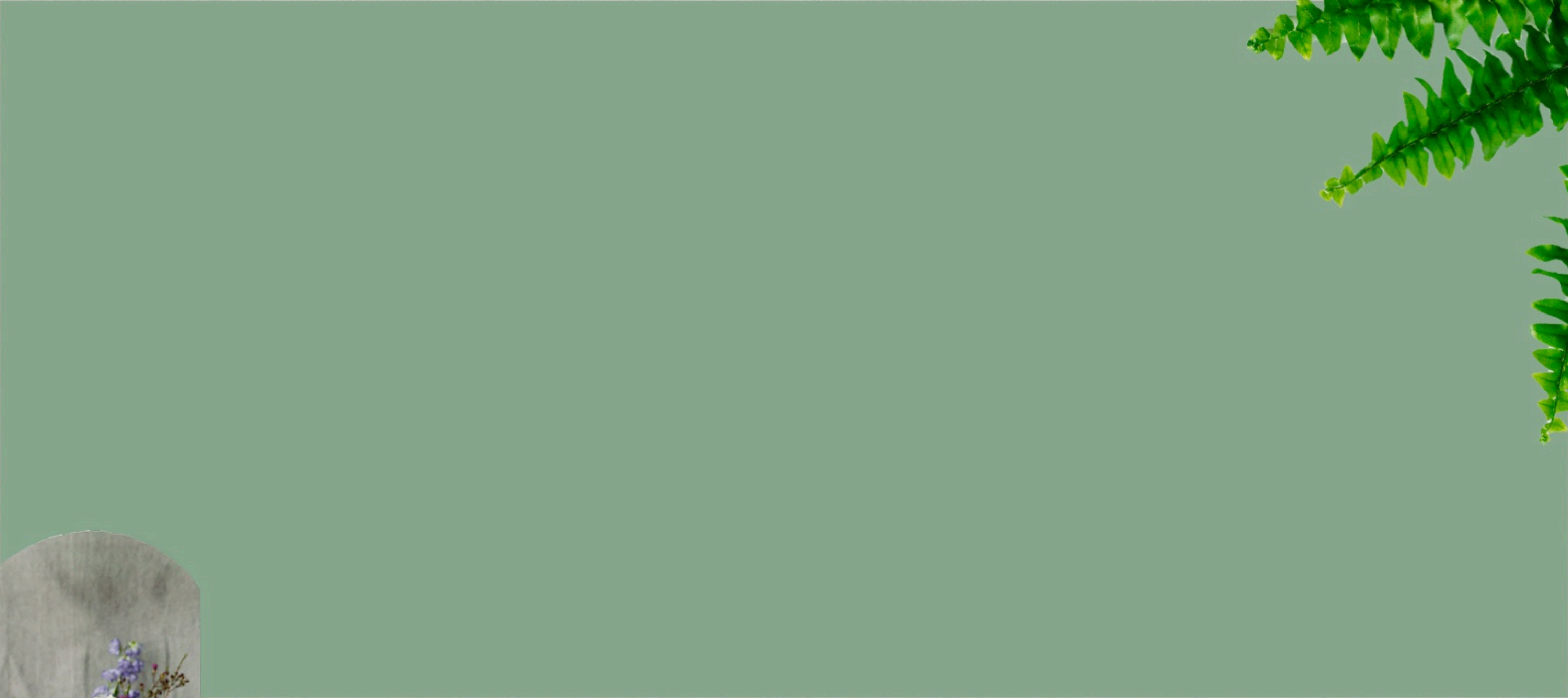
Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering His glory?” Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.





“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” - Matthew 5:17





“It is finished!” **[Τετέλεσται]** Then He bowed  
His head and gave up His spirit. - John 19:30





**It is finished!**

**The work  
is completed!**

**ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ**

**The mission  
is accomplished!**

**The battle  
has been won!**





The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:18



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- It was the unexpected fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Its power is in the sacrifice.





**EXECUTION**



**SACRIFICE**

**CRIMINAL**



**LAMB OF GOD**

**CROSS**



**TEMPLE**

**POLITICAL &  
RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES**



**THE HIGH PRIEST**

**SUBDUE A  
FALSE PROPHET**



**FREE THE PEOPLE**





**It's Passover week.**

It was now about noon  
on the day of preparation  
for the **Passover.** - John 19:14





**It's the day of preparation.**

It was now about noon  
on the **day of preparation**  
for the Passover. - John 19:14





# Jesus is the Lamb.

John saw Jesus coming toward him  
and said, “Look!  
The **Lamb of God** who takes  
away the sin of the world!

- John 1:29





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It's celebrated as the definition of love.



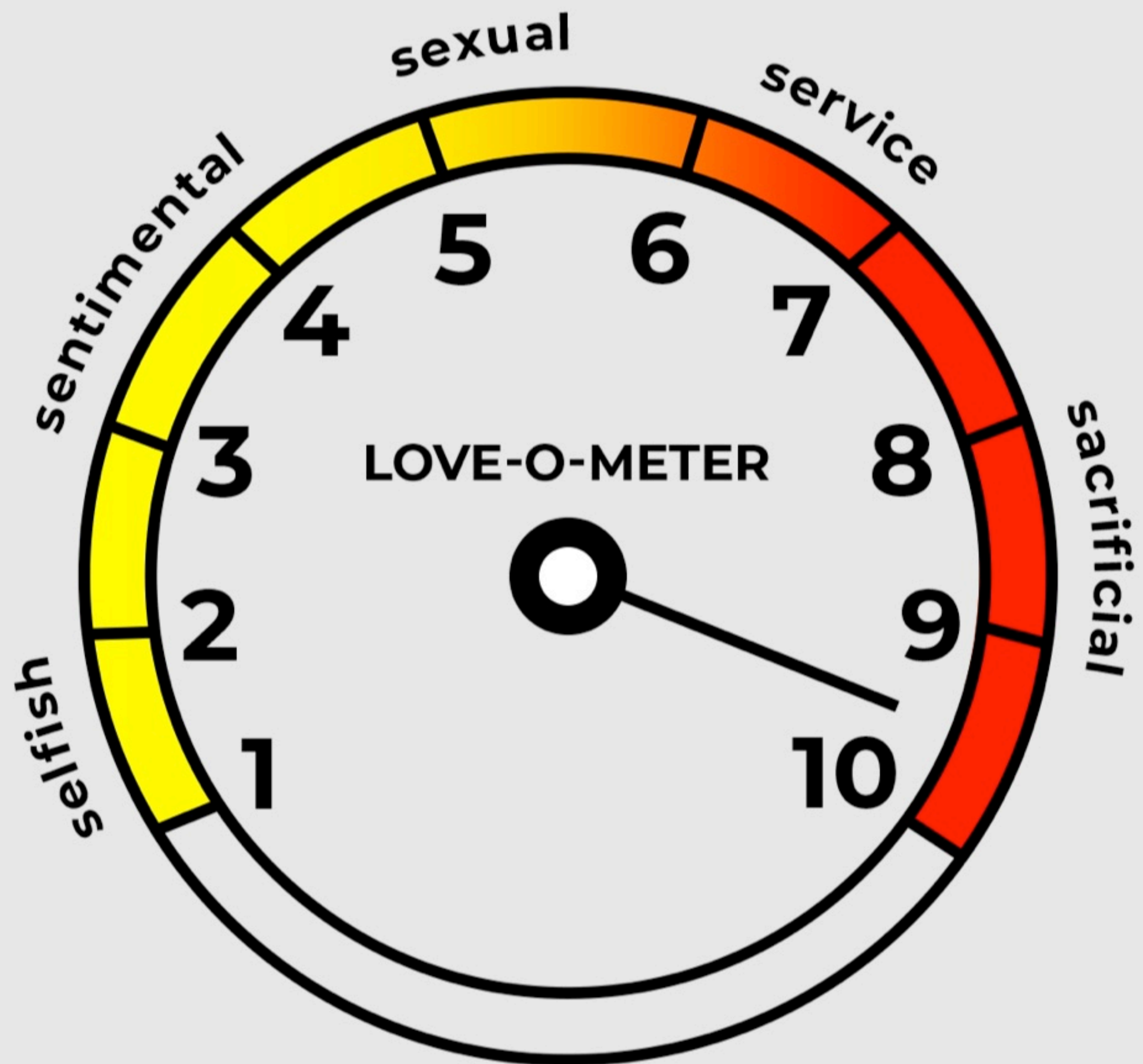




### *1 John 4:9-10*

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.







The **authenticity** of your love depends on the **intensity** of your sacrifice and **complicity** with God's will.







“Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing compared with love in dreams.” - Fyodor Dostoevsky



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It's how we, too, defeat evil today.







What is justice? **Love** for the oppressed.

What is forgiveness? **Love** for the criminal.

What is belonging? A place you are **loved**.

What is purpose? A place you can give **love**.

What is discipline? Tough **love**.

What is freedom? Anarchy without a people of neighborly **love**.

What is wisdom? **Love** applied well.

What is the key to healthy anything? Choosing **love** again and again.



What is grief? **Love** deprived.

What is commitment? **Love** unto death.

What is martyrdom? **Love** over death.

What is idolatry? **Loving** the wrong things.

What is a person's legacy? A recollection of what they truly **loved** in life.

What is beauty? A feeling of **love** transcendent.

What is hope? Looking forward to **love**.

What is faith? Trust in **love**.

What is God? God is **love**.

