



# Love

## Mark 9: 2- 9



The image features a dense, repeating pattern of hearts. Each heart is filled with a dark red color and contains a white, intricate pattern of concentric circles and smaller hearts. The hearts vary in size and are scattered across the entire frame. A horizontal white banner is positioned in the lower third of the image, containing the text "February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day" in a dark red, sans-serif font.

February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day







Love is...



Kim

... wanting to give her the  
moon and the stars.

Love is ...



... getting up at 4 a.m. to cook his  
breakfast.

# How many times does the word love appear in the Bible?

- King James Bible – 310
- New Revised Standard Version – 538
- New International Version – 551





# Types of love

- Storge – Affection  
Love between family members
- Philia – Friendship  
Love between friends
- Eros – Romance  
Love between a couple
- Agape – Unconditional love  
The love of God



## Mark 9: 2 – 9 – The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

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Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!'

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.







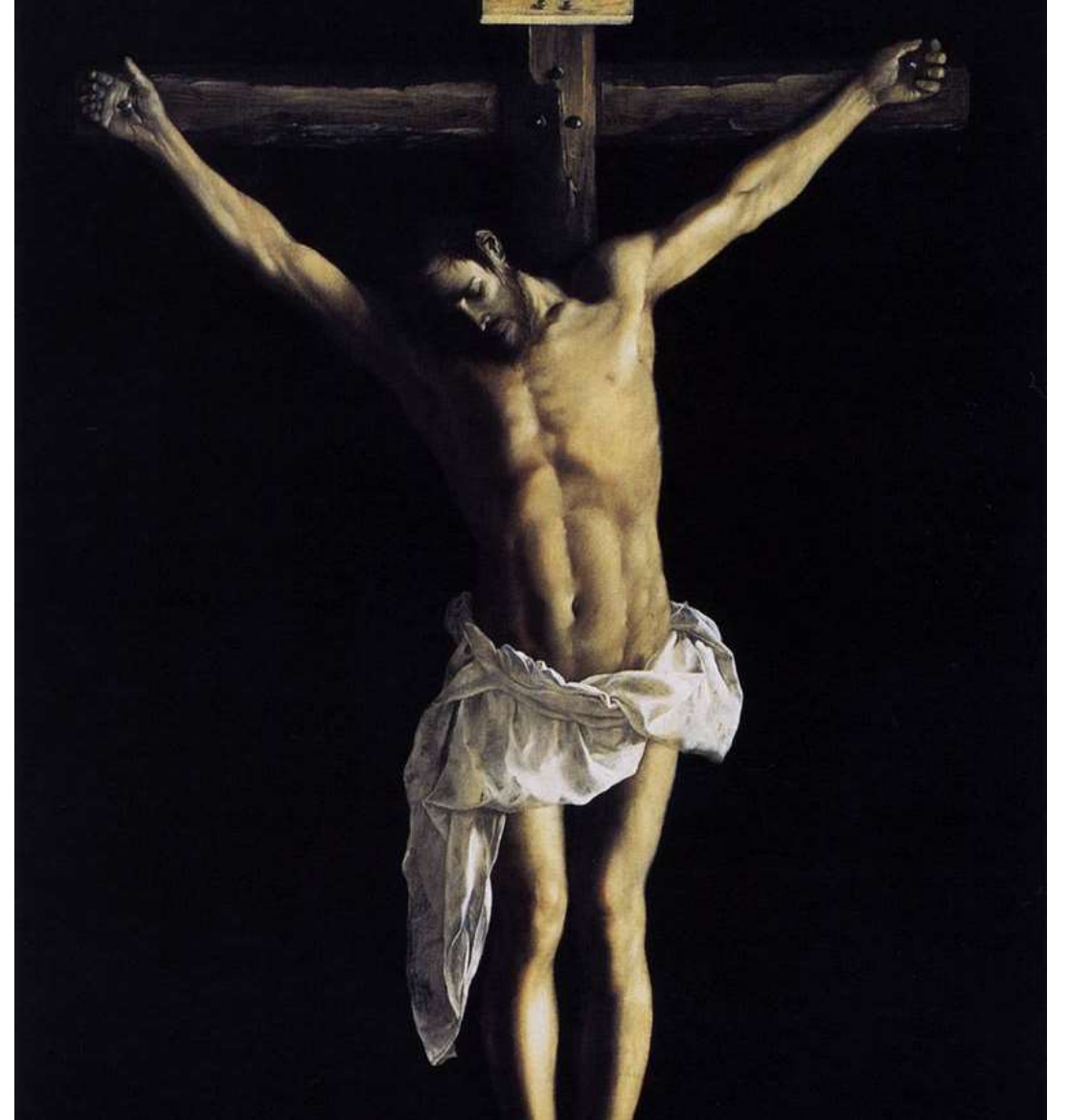




# God's love

- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
- Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13
- But God shows his love for us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20





Of all the commandments, what is the most important?

The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.'



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

- Possible?
- Daily strive to do this better
- To know him better
  - ❖ study his word
  - ❖ prayer
  - ❖ seek to obey and honour Him in all things
- Share Jesus with others



# Love your neighbour as yourself.

- Is it possible? Love not like...
- Everyone is loved by God
- Everyone is made in the image of God
- Everyone was knit together in the womb by God
- We love because God first loved us



# 1 John 4: 7 - 12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## I John 4: 19 - 21

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.



Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.  
Love doesn't strut,  
Doesn't have a swelled head,  
Doesn't force itself on others,  
Isn't always "me first,"  
Doesn't fly off the handle,  
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn't revel when others grovel,  
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end.



# Romans 8: 35 - 39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

‘For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.





I ASKED JESUS,  
"HOW MUCH DO  
YOU LOVE ME?"  
AND JESUS SAID,  
"THIS MUCH."  
THEN HE STRETCHED  
OUT HIS ARMS  
AND DIED.♡

