

## DO YOU LOVE MY SON?

Introduction: I stopped by the bookstore on Thursday was surprised to see all of the Christmas paraphernalia

Just about everybody likes “Santa Claus” because he is committed to giving me what I want

I hate to tell you this, children plug your ears, Santa Claus isn’t real – he is a fairy ... tale

Just about everybody likes “Jesus” – if they can define who he is

Jesus is embraced by those who have no religious commitment, Muslims, Mormons, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Buddhists, Hindus, etc.

The big problem here is that the Jesus that they love isn’t real – he is a fairy tale

When confronted with the Jesus revealed to us by God through His Word, the response is very different

Consider Judas who “loved” Jesus – kind of

So, what happens when we confront people with the real Jesus?

A Jesus who demanded uncompromised allegiance (Luke 9:23-24; 18:18-23)

A Jesus who confronted the religiously secure with their own sinfulness (Matthew 23:25-28)

A Jesus who declares that there is only one Way to God – and it is through Him (John 14:6)

We can see how the world responds to such a Jesus

In His first coming - Some loved Him but most hated Him so much they killed Him

In His second coming - Some will love His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8)

Most will hate Him so much they will try to kill themselves (Revelation 6:12-16)

### 1. What Makes Jesus Loveable?

A) Who He is – He is God

> Go back to the sermon where we addressed loving God the Father – and all that is loveable about the Father is loveable about the Son

B) What He did – He came to earth to be the Savior of the world (1 John 4:14)

Augustine “the cross is the pulpit from which Jesus Christ preached of God’s love for the world”

> Propitiation (1 John 4:10)

> Justified (Romans 5:18-19)

> Sanctified (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

> Glorified (Romans 8:28-30)

C) What He secures for us

> Freedom from slavery to sin (Romans 6:5-11)

> Every spiritual blessing that Jesus Christ deserves is ours “in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3-6)

> God’s approval instead of His judgment (Romans 8:1)

2. How do we Express our Love for Jesus?

A) Repentance and faith

> Repentance - we turn away from our sin for which He suffered

> Faith - we believe that He is God and our only hope of salvation

B) Submit to His reign in our life

> His love for us compels us to live for Him (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

> Our love for Him is revealed in our commitment to follow Him (1 John 2:3-6)

C) Tell others about Him

> Andrew and Phillip reveal their love for Jesus (John 1:40-45)

> Peter and John reveal their love for Jesus (Acts 4:13-22)

D) We long for His return

> Paul longed to be with Jesus (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

> John, the apostle who Jesus loved, could hardly wait for Jesus’ return (Rev. 22:20)

> So, the child of God longs to see their Savior (2 Cor 5:6-10; Titus 2:11-14; Heb 9:28)