By This All Men Will Know

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INTRODUCTION

- What is it that makes you really stand out as a disciple of Jesus?
- According to Jesus, the attribute that ought to be most notable, most peculiar among disciples of Jesus is the way that we love one another.
- It's not new because God never told us to love people before. It's new because he's given us a new standard by which to love.

1 A Love That Is Proactive

1 John 4:19; Luke 14

- If you're gonna love other people like Jesus, that means that you need to have a love that is proactive.
- The love of Jesus is the kind of love that acts first.
- 1 John 4 and verse 19, we love why? Because he first loved us.
- Worldly love is often a reaction to what somebody else has done, isn't it?
- Invite the people who can do nothing for you. That's a proactive kind of love.
- Are there any relationships in your life where you're waiting to love other people until they do something for you or until they show you their love first?

2 Love That Is Both Positive and Negative

- If we're going to love the way he loves, we're going to need to love in ways that are both positive and negative.
- Far too often I measure my love negatively. And what I mean by that is I measure my love by the things I don't do.
- We see it maybe most prominently, not in the things he doesn't do, but in the things he actually does.
- The gospel isn't about what Jesus didn't do. The gospel is about what Jesus did do.
- He left heaven, he came to earth, he lived as a man, and he gave himself on that cross to redeem us from our sins.
- If you want to love like Jesus, then you show your love. Not by just the things you don't do, but by the things you actively do.

3 A Love That Is Absolutely Extreme

John 13:34; John 15:13; John 13:1–5

- If you want to love like Jesus, you will have a love that is absolutely extreme.

- The love of Jesus has no limit. It is impartial, it forgives, it serves, it sacrifices, it shows compassion, and it does all of those things without limit.
- Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- Jesus stooped down and grabbed his disciples' dirty foot and washed his feet, knowing full well exactly what Judas was about to do.
- If you knew that fully in your heart, would you stoop down and wash their feet?

THE CHALLENGE

When we decide that we're going to go out in this world and we are going to love people even as Jesus loved us. That's the kind of love that bears fruit and helps people see that we really are his disciples.

MY NOTES