

**The Story That Never Grows Old
God's Heart Revealed – Part 2
Selected Scripture**

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From the very beginning, God's *heart* was to redeem people and point them to His Savior to come.

He did this through a sacrifice for:

- an individual (Gen 3:21)
- a family (Exodus 12:1-30)
- a nation (Leviticus 16)

The eventual result of God's love for *lost people*: the mission of His Son.

- God became flesh...He became a man – Jesus (John 1:14)
- Jesus would be the sacrifice for the whole world (John 1:29-30)
- Because God's love for lost people is limitless (John 3:16)

God's love for lost people is seen in the mission of His Son:

- God sent His Son to people to reveal the character of His love – the ministry of Jesus on the earth (Luke 19:10; 23:33-34; John 1:15-18; 5:36-40; 14:8-11; 17:6-10)
- God gave His Son for people to prove the depth of His love – the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. (John 10:14-18; 12:23-33; 15:13-15; 1 John 4:9-12)
- God raised His Son for people to show the power of His love – the resurrection of Jesus from the grave (Jn 2:18-22; 11:25; 1 Cor 6:14; 15:42-44; 2 Cor 13:4; Eph 1:19-21)

The coming of God's Son, Jesus Christ, shows us that God's heart is for lost people:

- to incarnationally reveal His character through the service of His Son
- to sacrificially reveal His love through the death of His Son
- to powerfully reveal His life through the resurrection of His Son

The "Heart" of the issue...Do I *share God's heart* for *lost people* by:

- Showing them *His character* by *serving them* "incarnationally"?
- Showing them *His love* by *sacrificing* my desires for *their good*?
- Showing them His life by living in His power rather than my own?