

The Father's Love Provided!

Mark 14:35-36

During this time of continued unsettledness there are many declarations being made about God...

Many are claiming this to be God's judgment against the blatant immorality in our nation...

As I listen to these claims there is a deep sadness that stirs within me...

While I do believe in the certainty of God's judgment, I see it being presented in ways that make God out to be more of an ANGRY TYRANT than a LOVING FATHER...

Over the next few weeks I want to share with you about the Father's Love!

I believe the Father's love is one of the most misunderstood concepts in Scripture...

Since the FALL OF MAN in Genesis 3, TWO THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING...

First, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HIDING

Genesis 3:9–10 (ESV) — But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Second, GOD HAS BEEN PURSUING

Jeremiah 31:3b (ESV) — ... I have loved you with everlasting love...

The Father's longing for people to be the theme of Scripture...

But many people MISS the Father's love...

When I mention the Father's love, what do you think of you?

Our perception of God and our relationship with Him is often skewed by a faulty projection of our failings of our parents and those around us...

Have you come to know the LOVE that God has for you personally?

1 John 4:16 (ESV) — So we have come to know and love Him who is in the world and who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.

Two weeks ago we looked at three ways to experience the Father's love...

1. The Father's Love is an ACCEPTING love

Mark 14:35 (ESV) — And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

The Father's love, the Son's obedience, and Mankind's sin meet here at the crossroads of grace...

Will the Father REALLY place mankind's sin on the Son?

Will the Son REALLY accept the punishment of bearing mankind's curse?

Will mankind REALLY be forgiven of our rebellion against God?

As the Father contemplates the fate of all humanity He may have been reminded of a WOMAN FROM SAMARIA...

STORY – Woman at the Well...

Jesus was departing from Jerusalem and heading to Galilee...

Normally Jews traveled around Samaria because Jews and Samaritans despised each other...

But this time was different...

John 4:4 (ESV) — And he had to pass through Samaria.

Why?

Well, as we will see, Jesus had to pass because the Father saw a lonely Samaritan was living her life REJECTED by everyone...

As Jesus and the disciples make their way, it approaches noon time...

- **The sun is hot and their bellys are empty...**

Jesus, however spots the lonely woman at the well collecting water...

He hears the ACCEPTING heart of the Samaritan disciples to go on into town and buy bread...

He approaches the well and strikes up a conversation with the woman...

Jesus knows that this woman has a history...

- **Married five times...**
- **Divorced five times...**
- **Is living with a man who refused to be circumcised...**
- **Rejected by the women of the town...**

But this woman, rejected by all was not rejected by the Father!

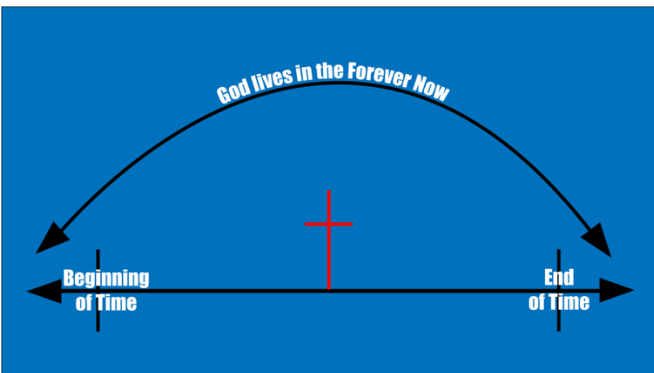
John 4:25–26 (ESV) — The woman said to him, "The Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "Who speak to you as he?"

This lonely woman, rejected by everyone, is the FIRST PERSON to hear Jesus as the Messiah!!!

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The Father, as Creator, is not bound by time...

He lives in the FOREVER NOW...

When Jesus says to the Father... “Remove this cup from me...”

The Father looked backwards and forwards in time...

He looked forward some 2,000 years to a young man...

- *The Father had been wooing me for a long time...*
- *Then one day the Father said to me, “If you don’t give me your life to me, I will give you a life of here a lost man.”*
- *I know this story to be true...*
- *Because I was that 22 year old man...*
- *I had tried the world and found it empty...*
- *I had tried religion and found it empty...*
- *On that day in September, 1930, I met Jesus!*

In the Garden of Gethsemane the Father took my life and knew there was NO OTHER WAY...

In that moment, the Father CHOSE ME...

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And by giving our lives to Jesus, we enter into the Father's love where we can call Him Father...

Romans 8:15 (ESV) — For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

ILLUSTRATION – The murderer adopted...

- A man arrives home to find his wife standing on the front porch holding the lifeless body of their only son...
- At the same time he see a man running from the home with blood stains on his shirt and hands...
- He chases the man down, pulls out a gun and shoots them man ...
- We would call that **VENGEANCE**

Vengeance is retaliation for harm suffered

- Suppose, however, the man calls 911...
- The police catch the man...
- He is tried in a court of law...
- And found guilty of capital murder begin sentenced to the death penalty...
- We would call that **JUSTICE**

Justice is giving someone what they deserve

- Suppose the man is found guilty, but the husband and wife go to the jail and talk with the man...
- We know you killed our son, but we want you to know that we forgive you and hold no grudge against you...
- In fact, we are going to plead that all charges be dropped against you...
- We would call that **MERCY**

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JUSTICE IS GIVING SOMEONE

By the Father saying to the Son, “There is no Plan B”...

The Son was going to pay the penalty for the sins of all humanity...

Jesus’ last words from the Cross were, “It is finished”

Which means, “It is accomplished,” “Paid in full”

On the Cross, the SINLESS, SPOTLESS Son of God paid in full for the sins of all mankind!

Justice was served!

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JUSTICE IS GIVING SOMEONE WHAT THEY DESERVE
MERCY IS NOT GIVING SOMEONE WHAT THEY DESERVE

Because Jesus “Paid in full” our sins, whoever comes to Him and gives Him their life receive MERCY from the Father!

Psalm 32:1–2a (ESV) — Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity ...

But that’s not the end of the story!!!

- **Suppose the couple forgives the man...**

- **They plead for all charges to be dropped**
- **But then they say to the man, “You are guilty!”**
- **We have prayed about it and we have decided to let our own son...**
- **We have a room just for you!**
- **We want you to eat at our table!**
- **We want you to become part of our family!**
- **We would call that GRACE...**

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John 1:12–13 (ESV) — But to all who received him and believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of man, but of God.

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