

A Simple & Sacred Christmas
Part IV; December 21, 2025

“The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love”

Love was _____ for Christmas!

For God so LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son... – John 3:16 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners... So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. – Romans 5:8, 11 (NLT)

The FIRST gift of Christmas was the BEST gift of all!

Love isn't just what God did; it is _____

The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! **I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.**” – Exodus 34:6 (NLT)

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God IS love. – 1 John 4:8 (NLT)

Love is what God most _____

Jesus replied: **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**
– Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

Love is what Jesus primarily came to _____

Love for _____

So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.** – John 13:34-35 (NLT)

Love for our _____

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:43-45 (NLT)

Love for people _____

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. – Luke 19:10 (NLT)

Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. **(There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.)** – Mark 2:15 (NLT)