Here Is Love

1 John 4:10



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TOPICS: God's Love; Jesus' Suffering & Death

LEAD-IN: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

When Messiah Came

"God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17, NIV)

When Messiah came, we expected the defeat of our enemies. We expected them to be crushed, condemned, and consumed in a fiery judgment.

When Messiah came,
He taught us that the enemy is our own evil hearts.
Instead of judging us, He justified us.
Instead of consuming us, He cleansed us.
Instead of condemning us, He forgave us completely.
Instead of crushing us, He was crushed.

When Messiah came, we expected a show of power. Instead He showed us the power of love.

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