**Offended by the Love of Jesus**

**John 13:1-20, Pew Bible p. \_\_\_\_\_**

**April 13, 2025**

1. Why We Are Offended by the Love of Jesus - Our Pride (v. 1-11)

* 1. Our pride has us **misunderstand** the love of Jesus.

		1. We **misunderstand** the love of Jesus when we have unrealistic expectations, incomplete information, and a shallow understanding.

1. When we misunderstand, our pride leaves us liable to **reject**
the love of Jesus.

1. How to Know If You’re Offended by the Love of Jesus - Signs of Offense
(v. 12-18)

 You may be offended by the love of Jesus if…

A. He is not your **Teacher** and **Lord**.

1. He is not your **example** for life.

1. He is not the **object** of your love.

1. The Cure to the Offense - Believe and Receive (v. 19-20)

A. Believe that Jesus is **Lord** – He is the **I AM**.

1. Receive the love of Jesus with **child-like** faith.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Read John 13:1-20.

A. On Monday, read John 14 • Tuesday, John 15 • Wednesday, John 16 •
Thursday, John 17 • Friday, John 18 before Good Friday Service.

2. Why is the *world* offended by the love of Jesus? Why are *Christians* sometimes offended by the love of Jesus?

3. What does Jesus’ act of washing His disciples’ feet teach us about the kind of love He expects us to show one another?

4. Discuss times when you have struggled to receive the love of Jesus for yourself.

A. Why was His love hard to receive? How have you overcome these struggles?

5. Read verse 12 and Philippians 2:5-11

1. Talk about what Jesus has done for you.
2. What are some ways you can imitate Christ this week in His love and humility?

6. Pray for our church members to receive the grace of our Lord Jesus in love and humility, and that as the Spirit transforms us to the image of Christ, we would reflect His love in all aspects of our lives.

 **Prayer Guide for Sunday, April 13**

***John 4:21-24 (ESV)***

*21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:**

* PRAYING for both those preparing for baptism to follow through with their commitments and be blessed by their obedience to Christ.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

* PRAY for missions and missionaries:

Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.

* PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
* PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:

Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law).

* PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:

Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (Husband), Woody (Barbara S.), Ashley S. (grandmother), Kate D. (mother)

* PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:

Joy M. (health), Betty W. (car accident), Gaylon K. (surgery), Judy H. (hospice)

* PRAY for others that you are aware of.