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## SERMON TITLE

Yes. Jesus Loves Me.

## SERIES

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## KEY SCRIPTURE

2 Cor. 1:20; Rev. 1:17-18; 1 Cor. 13:4-8

## SYNOPSIS

The kid's chorus is profound truth. Jesus loves me!

## HIGHLIGHTS



## ☞ YES! Jesus Loves Me!

**Jesus loves me, this I know; For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong; They are weak but he is strong  
Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me; The Bible tells me so**

*Karl Barth was probably the most prolific theologian of the 20th century. His theology was as complex as it was profound. When Barth visited the University of Chicago, students and scholars crowded around him. At a press conference, someone asked, 'Dr. Barth, what is the most profound truth you have learned in your studies?'. Without hesitation he replied, 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so'. Karl Barth, perhaps the greatest Christian mind of the 20th century, was impacted most, not by reading theological essays, but by the simple truth from a popular, easily recognizable children's song. Yes, Jesus loves me!*

### ☞ YES

Not no. Not maybe or perhaps, but YES. It is an established fact. Say it: "Jesus loves me."

People so often have the idea of the Lord being a killjoy. They focus on the "Thou shalt not" verses in the bible and then think God is always saying "no" to people.

### ☞ 2 Corinthians 1:20

**For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.** And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

God has actually made a lot of promises to his people, so in effect, he is saying "yes" a whole lot. And one of his key promises has to do with his love for us...

Romans 8:38-39

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*There is nothing you can do to make God love you more! There is nothing you can do to make God love you less! His love is unconditional, impartial, everlasting, infinite, perfect! God is love!*

*--A.W. Tozer... From God's other known attributes, we may learn much about his love. We can know, for instance, that because God is self-existent, his love had no beginning; because he is eternal, his love can have no end; because he is infinite, it has no limit; because he is immense, his love is an incomprehensibly vast, bottomless, shoreless sea.*

YES! Jesus loves me!



## ☞ JESUS

--Mack Stokes... Some tell us that Jesus' earthly life was not very important. They say he wrote no books, composed no songs, drew no pictures, carved no statues, amassed no fortune, commanded no army, ruled no nation. And yet-- He who never wrote a line has been made the hero of unnumbered volumes. He who never wrote a song has put music into the hearts of nameless multitudes. He who never established an institution is the foundation of the Church that bears his name. He who refused the kingdoms of this world has become the Lord of millions.

People have a lot of ideas about who Jesus really was. Some say he is nothing more than a myth. Others say he was a great teacher, spiritual leader, or prophet. Still others say he is Savior and Lord. Let's see what Jesus said about himself.

### The "I Ams" of Jesus

I am the bread of life	John 6
I am the light of the world	John 8
I am the door	John 10
I am the good shepherd	John 10
I am the resurrection	John 11
I am the way, truth, life	John 14
I am the true vine	John 15
Before Abraham was born, I AM	John 8

## ☞ Revelation 1:17-18

**I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.**

First and Last speaks of his eternal nature. The Living One also speaks of his eternal nature. It's very similar to him simply saying, "I AM." This means that Jesus is God in the flesh. He also speaks of his death and resurrection. No other religious leader validated his truth claims in such an undeniable way. Moses, as great a prophet as he was, is dead. Muhammad is dead. Buddha is dead. Confucius is dead. Only Jesus Christ overcame death itself with this ultimate miracle, establishing once and for all the truth of His deity and Lordship.

This is who we are talking about. Jesus loves me. Not just a nobody; not just a desperate, needy person, but Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords loves me! He who needs nothing outside of himself loves me! YES! Jesus loves me!

## ☞ LOVES ME

We have many misconceptions about love. What does it really mean to love? Is it warm, fuzzy feelings toward someone? Is it butterflies in your stomach? Some think love means "happily ever after." Some claim that love means "never having to say you're sorry." You may have heard "love is blind." None of these statements are completely true. Jesus loves us much more deeply than any of these descriptions can convey.



When the bible talks about the Lord's love for us, it is agape love = love of the will; unconditional; *It expresses the deep and constant love and interest of a perfect Being towards entirely unworthy objects.*

☞ **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** (Remember, God is love...)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

☞ Romans 5:8 (His love is **epic**)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

☞ Lamentations 3:22 (His love **eternal**)

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

☞ 1 John 3:1 (His love is **extravagant**)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

His love is not just a squishy, mushy kind of love. His love includes correction; **even his commands and rules are motivated by his love.** Revelation 3:19 says, "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline."

His love is amazing. Listen to this:

☞ **Ephesians 3:17-19**

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how **wide** and **long** and **high** and **deep** is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

--Tony Campolo... *God carries your picture in his wallet.*

*True love is to do the best for someone that we can. This is what God does for those he loves – the best he can; and the measure of the best that God can do is omnipotence!*

*Look around – God loves you and you and you...*

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