

What Happened to Your Hands?

(John 15:13)

Introduction

1. **Jesus said in John 15:13** “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”
2. **Before one can live the Christian life they must first know how great this love is that Jesus described.**
 - A. **When one fully understands the love, devotion, and sacrifice in God's Son Jesus - then one can understand the true meaning of Christianity.**
3. **No greater love would ever be shown again, as the love that Jesus gave to us - a sinful man.**
4. **Jesus came to this earth, without blemish, to show us love and compassion, and die a sinless death.**
 - A. **Why? So you and I might have life and to have life abundantly, to be with Him forever! (John 10:10).**

Hands Without Blemish

- 1. Seeing that man was full of sin - God sent His only Son, A Son without blemish to fulfill prophecy and redeem man from sin.**
John 3:16

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- A. Jesus came to this earth already knowing the wonderfulness of heaven. A place without tears, pain, or sadness.**

- 1) Jesus said that His kingdom was not of this world.**

Answering Pilate Jesus said:

John 18:36**"My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

- 2. Jesus was sent to this earth by God to save man.**

- A. He was moved with compassion on the multitudes as sheep that had no shepherd.**

Matthew 9:35-36 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was **moved with compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

- B. He rejoices over each one that recognizes Him as being the Christ and seeks repentance.**

While teaching His disciples Jesus said:

Matthew 18:11-14

Hands Full of Love

1. While on earth He taught forgiveness while showing love.

Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but **up to seventy times seven**."

Mark 11:25-26 "And whenever you stand praying, if you **have anything against anyone**, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

A. He showed us the ultimate example of forgiveness. Could we forgive as Jesus did - even at the point of death?

Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do**." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

2. He showed compassion as he healed the sick, made the lame to walk, and gave sight to the blind.

Matthew 4:24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

Matthew 11:5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 12:15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And **great multitudes followed Him**, and **He healed them all**.

Matt 14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was **moved with compassion** for them, and **healed their sick**.

3. He fed the hungry and raised Lazarus from the dead.

A. Hungry:

Matthew 14:15-20

- 1) He showed he was deity; 5,000 men ate, besides women and children.

B. Lazarus: (Reason: "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4).

John 11:14-15 Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

- 1) We notice what Martha says:

John 11:22-25 "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

- 2) Mary then RAN and met Jesus - she was crying. The Jews with her were crying!

John 11:34-36 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

- 3) Then to God Jesus said:
John 11:42-45

Hands Scarred for Man

- 1. Though Jesus lived a sinless, compassionate, caring life, most men still hated Him.**
 - A. He was delivered to die because of envy.
Matthew 27:17-18**
 - B. A mock trial was given to Jesus - God's only Son.
Matthew 27:27-31**
- 2. Jesus was then crucified - going through with it - because of His deep love for man.
Matthew 27:46, 50**
 - A. He died of a broken heart for all mankind. Yet today, many people willingly sin and trample under foot God's only begotten Son – whom He sent to die for us!**

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,**

Hebrews 10:29 **Of how much worse punishment,** do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

- 3. He arose from the grave and appeared before the disciples.**
 - A. But Thomas was not there when the Lord appeared to the other disciples the first time (John 20:20).
John 20:24-31**

Conclusion

1. **The Christian life is a life of service, duty, and devotion to our almighty God.**
2. **He gave His only son to die for us and He did so that we might have eternal life - if we will just obey Him.**

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

3. **Let us not be guilty of **taking for granted** the love Jesus showed for us and the pain and anguish He went through because of love.**
4. **Let us always keep in remembrance the love in the scars on Jesus' hands!**
5. **Don't let His scars and the blood He shed for you be in vain.**

As we sing the invitation song, remember the words of Jesus as He pleads with you: *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest....”*

