

Incredibly Intentional

A memorable expression of love is a _____ that is over the top, unexpected and obviously been planned.

How can we know Jesus loves us?

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

¹⁵ **just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

¹⁸ *No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. ...*

John 10:11, 15, 18

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **John 15:13**

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

⁸ **But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** **Romans 5:7-8**

. . . I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. . . . **1 John 3:16**

We love because He first loved us. **1 John 4:19**

Jesus' _____ of love was not only planned from the beginning, but foretold years ahead of time, with an emphasis of His willingness.

Psalm 22 foretelling of Jesus' crucifixion ~ _____ yrs before.
Isaiah 53 foretelling of Jesus' suffering ~ _____ yrs before.

Jesus' gift to give us Hope:

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.

²³ *When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; ^A when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. ^D ²⁴ "He Himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed." ^B ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," ^C but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *1 Peter 2:22-24**

Jesus loved us So Much that He would take on . . .

False A_____ and being Associated with wrong.

*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. ^A ⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away. Yet who of His generation protested? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was punished. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. *Isaiah 53:7-9**

All the wrong we A_____.

*Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. ^B ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, ^C each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:4-6**

Jesus loved us So Much that He offers us . . .

A New Start. [Second Chances]

*After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, ^D and He will bear their iniquities. *Isaiah 53:11**

Blessings A_____ our Obedience.

*Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, ^D and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. *Isaiah 53:11**

Optional Reading: Notice God's ability to Rescue, Deliver & Protect!

Psalm 37, 69, 70, 71, 89, 91, 103, 107, 118, 140
Isaiah 53 John 3, 10 Philippians 2