

Wonders of His Love

John 3:1-21

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Today we continue our Advent series “The Arrival” which unpacks the five themes of Advent – hope, peace, joy, love, and light. Jesus doesn’t just play by different rules, he plays a different game. While the world plays the “game of thrones” and competes for status, Jesus plays the “game of love” and gives of himself to serve and bless others. He invites us to receive and share his otherworldly, wonder-full love. Let’s consider what the carol “Joy to the World” calls “the wonders of his love!”

✦ The wonder of unconditional love

✦ The wonder of sacrificial love

✦ The wonder of universal love

✦ The wonder of eternal love

✦ The wonder of transformational love

So...
Receive Jesus and his love
Share Jesus and his love

For Further Reflection

Read Isaiah 9:1-7, Ephesians 3:14-21, 1 John 4:7-21, Romans 5:6-8, 1 John 3:1
Use this “Advent Guide” which is full of wonderful resources to guide you in the advent season – bit.ly/GuidesAdvent

And this is a great Advent Guide for young families – bit.ly/FamilyAdvent2025

Read about the wonder of God’s love – bit.ly/WonderofGodLove

Read about DL Moody preaching on John 3:16 – bit.ly/GodSoLovedTheWorld1

Read about the love of God – bit.ly/TheLoveofGod1

Listen to “Love of God” – bit.ly/LoveOfGod2

Listen to “This is Love” – bit.ly/ThisIsLove1

Listen to “Jesus Son of God” – bit.ly/JesusSonOfGod

Read *Come Let Us Adore Him* (Advent Devotional) by Tripp

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from the message?
2. Read John 3:16. What aspect of God’s love has been most wonder-full or wondrous to you?
3. We sought to distinguish between the “game of thrones” and the “game of love.” In your own words, explain the difference between these two approaches to God and life?
4. Can you describe a time you were playing the “game of thrones” when you should have been playing the “game of love”? What happened? What did you learn?
5. Read John 7:50-51 and 19:39-40. What do we learn about Nicodemus? How has the love of Christ transformed you?
6. Who is someone you know who has reflected the love of Christ in some way to you or others? Can you share an example of what this love looked like and how it reminded you of the love of Christ?
7. Of the five “wonders of love” in the outline, which one do you need to grow in the most as it relates to your love for others? Why?
8. Who is someone you can share the love of Christ with this week, and how will you do that?
9. Read John 1:12 and John 3:16. Have you received the gift of eternal life through faith in Christ? If not, what is keeping you from making the decision?
10. Read Ephesians 3:14-21 and take some time together to praise God for his great love!

