**He Saw the Best in Me**

(John 15:13 KJV)

“*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”*

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n the text one thing is on Jesus’ mind, and that’s soon he will be suffering and dying. It was just before the Passover Feast. The Passover is when Israel remembered how all those in Egypt with the blood of the lamb were saved from the Lord’s avenging angel.

The lamb will soon be sacrificed. Of course, the Lamb is not a little bundle of wool. Rather, it’s Christ! Remember the words of John the Baptist (John 1:29) “*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*” He didn’t have to die for our sake, but He did it! Why? He saw the best in us. Let’s perform an autopsy on His life and legacy to see just how much he loved us.

1. **He Exemplified His Love:**

Great thinkers of the past said, “It takes as much courage to live for your friends as it does to die for them.” We’re talking about love; but it would require courage to die for friends even though that courage was motivated by love. By dying for a friend, we prove our love with the ultimate sacrifice; we’ve sealed that testimony with our blood. However, when living for a friend it requires us to be committed to that friend. If one is surprisely confused over the definition of true friendship; we can look to the Saviors life for his expressible examples.

Jesus’ love attributes are self evident from the first page of the New Testament to the last. He was committed to his disciples and to those he was trying to save. In fact, He served them rigorously throughout the course of his ministry.

One great example is the washing of the disciple’s feet. In Eastern custom and culture, foot-washing was an act of utter humiliation. In Israel foot-washing was considered such a degrading act; that no Hebrew slave could ever be required to perform it. But! A Gentile slave might be advised to perform the dirty work So, Jesus often performed acts that of a slave. Why? He saw the best in us.

He always cared for his friends, and personally mourned for their well beings. In fact, when Christ heard that John the Baptist was jailed, “He saw the best in John” and strengthens him by endorsing, “*John I am the one, and there’s no need to look for another*.” After he heard that John the Baptist was beheaded, He mourned for him. Then in the middle of His mourning and desire to be alone he preached to a multitude that followed him. Love and service!

If we could be that type of friend to our friends then we could have a serious impact on them for good. That’s what Christianity is all about! Whether we die or live for our friends it is a testimony of our love for them. If they can feel that love then we have succeeded.