

SERMON: GENESIS – LEAH AND RACHEL (Genesis 29)

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When Jacob falls in love with his uncle's daughter, Rachel, he is willing to do anything to get her. Love drives us to do many things. This is why we can be thankful that God's love for us drove Him to do the ultimate thing – to sacrifice His Son for our salvation. Because of this, we live loved.

“So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: ‘Do not marry a Canaanite woman. Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother’s father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother.’” – Genesis 28:1-2

We Seek _____.

Genesis 28:1-9, Genesis 29:1-30, Genesis 29:31-30:1

“When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban’s sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle’s sheep. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud.” – Genesis 29:10-11

Love Seeks _____.

Genesis 3, John 3:16

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” – Luke 19:10

We _____.

Matthew 6:25-34, 1 John 3:1-3

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” – Matthew 6:33

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” – 1 John 3:2



Questions for individual or group reflection:

Have you ever had a blind date?

Do you know anyone whose relationship began with a chance meeting?

How would you describe the “search for love” that we see in the world today?

Why do you think that Isaac didn't want Jacob to marry a Canaanite woman?

(See Genesis 26:41-46)

What did love propel Jacob to do with regards to Rachel? (Gen. 29)

What did love propel God to do with regards to us? (John 1)

How did Jesus seek us lost sinners? (Luke 19:10)

How did Jesus show His love for us? (John 3:16)

How does Christ's love for us propel us to live? (Matthew 5-6)

What confidence do we have as children of God? (1 John 3:1-3)

If we are not seeking worldly success, what do we as Christians seek? (Matt 6:33)

If we know we are loved by God, how freely, powerfully and generously are we then able to live?

If we are able to live so freely, what confidence then do we have in the face of death?

What hope do we have for those who have gone before us marked by faith in God – who have also live loved by God?

Taking it home / Memory Verse:

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1

GENESIS

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Where's the
other part?



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“Meet-Cute”

a serendipitous meeting
of two people for the first time








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When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?”

GENESIS 29:25

Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Finish this daughter’s bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.”

GENESIS 29:26-27

When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, “**Give me children, or I’ll die!**”

GENESIS 30:1

Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, “It is because the Lord has seen my misery. **Surely my husband will love me now.**”

GENESIS 29:32

Rueben - "I'm seen"
Simeon - "I'm heard"
Levi - "I'm attached"
Judah - "I will praise God"

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

GENESIS 2:18

Love Seeks US.

“For God **so loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

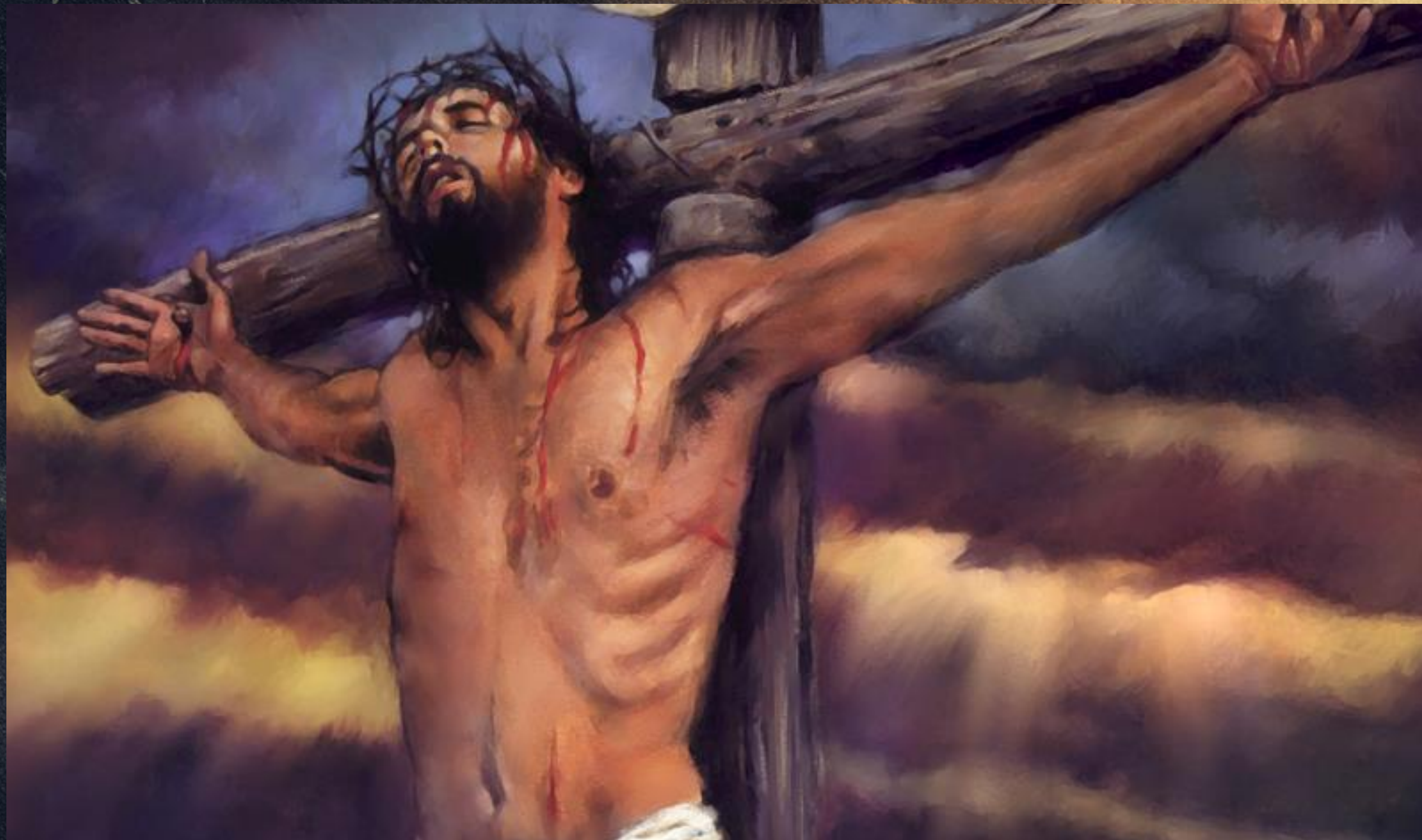
JOHN 3:16

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LUKE 19:10

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