## The Love of Jesus

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Luke 22:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

Throughout the Bible, we learned of Jesus' many miracles, signs, and wonders, as He blesses the people along His three-year journey. As we give thanks unto Him for those many blessings, throughout our learnings, there was not a lot of discussion of that deep emotional side that He possessed. But Jesus was undoubtedly capable of deep and profound human emotions. He expressed His feelings openly and straightforwardly. Whatever Jesus felt, He felt deeply!

As the passage of scripture tells us, Jesus looked forward to the Passover with His disciples. Jesus expressed his desire and his anticipation towards this special occasion. He says, "I have eagerly desire to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." Jesus hoped for this time!

Jesus knew that this would be the last supper with His disciples before He was to be slain as the Perfect Passover Lamb. Yet, opposed to being bothered or dismayed by which laid before Him, He rejoiced in the moment! This was a profound demonstration of a caring moment! Instead of focusing on what was about to happen to Him, He took delight in sharing the joy, the laughter, and some tears with His disciples, recapping their journey.

This passage of scripture speaks monumentally of His character, for I know that it would be difficult for me to do, and I assume others as well. I thank Jesus for His obedience and doing so with such integrity, class, dignity, and strength.

As Jesus sacrificed Himself, paying the price for our sins, in which we could never have done ourselves, we give thanks. So, if you ever wonder if you are loved, read this, and know that you are indeed infinitely loved. The fact that Jesus gave His life for ours is unfathomable. But He did!!! We give Him all the honor and all the glory for His ultimate sacrifice, as it is a true demonstration of His Love.