

# All About Jesus Revival Seminar

## #1 - *Can We Be Friends?*

1. John 21:15-17 - “Do you love me?” - A very vulnerable question  
Not just “Do you need me?” - But “Do you want me?”
2. 1 John 4:7-8 - God is love
  - a. Relational to the core
  - b. vs. Immutability of God
3. Genesis 1:26 - “Let us make ‘adam’ in Our image, according to Our likeness”
  - a. Beings capable of having a personal love relationship with God
  - b. Love plugs us into the infinite -  
Can be more in love tomorrow without having been less in love yesterday
  - c. God wants lovers - Not lap dogs
4. Genesis 2:18-25 - Not good for Adam to be alone
  - a. Made for relationship - With God - With others
  - b. Both great commandments - Love God - Love others
5. Genesis 3:1-7 - The original sin
  - a. Nothing wrong with eating - Nothing wrong with the fruit - So what was wrong?
  - b. Tree and eating fruit = Means of a choice  
By NOT eating they chose to NOT break up with God
  - c. Nothing to do with behavior - Choice to break relationship with God - Run off with another lover
  - d. Practical definition of Sin = Telling God to go away and leave me alone
6. Genesis 3:8-15 - God’s response to the breakup? - Seeks communication to restore relationship
  - a. Shows up with desire - not fire
  - b. Theme of Bible - One effort after another of God seeking to restore relationship with us
7. Luke 19:41-44 - Triumphal Entry - Jesus weeps - Sobs words out - of rejected relationship
  - a. God knows what it is like to be rejected -  
To have his overtures of love rejected over and over again

See also: Desire of Ages, p.575.3 - Jesus gazes upon the scene, and the vast multitude hush their shouts, spellbound by the sudden vision of beauty. All eyes turn upon the Saviour, expecting to see in His countenance the admiration they themselves feel. But instead of this they behold a cloud of sorrow. They are surprised and disappointed to see His eyes fill with tears, and His body rock to and fro like a tree before the tempest, while a wail of anguish bursts from His quivering lips, as if from the depths of a broken heart. What a sight was this for angels to behold! their loved Commander in an agony of tears! What a sight was this for the glad throng that with shouts of triumph and the waving of palm branches were escorting Him to the glorious city, where they fondly hoped He was about to reign! Jesus had wept at the grave of Lazarus, but it was in a godlike grief in sympathy with human woe. But this sudden sorrow was like a note of

wailing in a grand triumphal chorus. In the midst of a scene of rejoicing, where all were paying Him homage, Israel's King was in tears; not silent tears of gladness, but tears and groans of insuppressible agony. The multitude were struck with a sudden gloom. Their acclamations were silenced. Many wept in sympathy with a grief they could not comprehend.

8. Matthew 23:37-39 - Two days later - Lament over Jerusalem and temple  
See also: William Barclay: The Gospel of Luke, p.26.3 - That there was no room in the Inn was symbolic of what was to happen to Jesus. The only place where there was room for Him was on a cross. He sought an entry to the over-crowded hearts of men; He could not find it; and still His search—and his rejection—go on.
9. Isaiah 53:3-7 - Loneliness of Jesus  
See also: Desire of Ages, p.565.1 - The loneliness of Christ, separated from the heavenly courts, living the life of humanity, was never understood or appreciated by the disciples as it should have been.
10. Reconciled - for God's sake
  - a. Colossians 1:21-23 - Once alienated and enemies - Now reconciled
  - b. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 - Reconciled - given ministry of reconciliation
  - c. John 15:15 - Not servants - but friends
11. Great Commandment - Matthew 22:35-40 - Love God with your whole being
  - a. God's primary desire is not that you obey - But that you are in love - with Him
  - b. Christian life is not about being good - It is about being in love
12. Matthew 7:22-23 - "I never knew you"
13. John 17:3 - Life eternal = knowing Jesus
14. Acts 13:1-2 - Paul and friends in Antioch - "as they ministered to the Lord..."  
What if you got nothing out of coming to Church - But God got some loving?
15. Revelation 3:20 - I stand at the door and knock
16. Some different questions:
  - a. Not just "Do I need God?" - But "Does God need me?"
  - b. Does God need us as much or more than we need Him?
  - c. How can you say no to someone who has gone to such incredible lengths to show you how badly He wants to be friends with you?
  - d. How are you doing at loving God? - For His sake?
  - e. Do I have any concern for loving Him? - Or do I think it is all about me?
  - f. God, how am I doing at loving You?