

# **INSIGHTS INTO THE LORD'S COMMAND TO LOVE JOHN 15:12-16**

## **I. THE EXPLANATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE LORD EXPECTS US TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENT TO LOVE (15:12-13)**

- A. The Lord States It By Making A Comparison: *As I Have Loved You* (15:12)
- B. The Lord Continues To Define The Extent To Which He Expects Us To Love By Describing His Own Demonstration Of It (15:13)
  - 1. The Roman Soldiers Must Have Wondered At The Compliance Of The Lord On Golgotha Regarding His Willingness To Be Crucified
  - 2. The Lord Has No *Friends* Who Were Not At One Time Previously His Enemies
  - 3. The Lord Completely Takes The Whole Discussion Out Of The Realm Of Emotion And Into The Realm Of Action

## **II. AN ELABORATION ON THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT LOVING BRINGS US INTO WITH THE LORD (15:14-16)**

- A. The Lord Characterizes People Who Respond To Him By Obeying This Command: *Ye Are My Friends* (15:14)
- B. The Lord Explains The Difference Between A Slave And A Friend Who Obeys (15:15)
  - 1. There Is Such A Thing As The Lord Allowing A Man Into His Confidence
  - 2. Not One Of Those Apostles In That Upper Room Possessed A Complete Canon Of Scripture
- C. The Lord Had Sovereignly Chosen Them To This Intimacy (15:16)