



GROWING IN YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS

PART 5

## **Sermon Overview**

Loving Jesus with your imagination does not mean making up things about Jesus other than what is in Scripture. It means to take the Word of God, and use it to create a visual picture: particularly Jesus's experience on the Cross, and the love that it illustrates for us.

## **PART FIVE**

People respond to Jesus, and express their love for Him in different ways depending on whether their brains favor logical analysis and rationality, or visual imagery and emotion.

In this series of messages, we have seen how to love Jesus through the mind, which is the seat of intellect, as well as the heart, the seat of emotion. Jesus also calls us to love Him with all of our souls—our imaginations.

### **WITH ALL OF YOUR SOUL**

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### **PICTURING THE PAIN OF CHRIST**

Consider what the Word of God says about Christ's crucifixion. Consider how Jesus must have felt being sold by one of His disciples for the price of a slave. Visualize His emotional pain as He watched His disciples abandon Him, and the physical pain He endured throughout His trial, floggings, the long walk to the crucifixion, and the pain of the cross itself.

Visualize all of this, and remember that He did all of that for you.

Jesus did not have to leave the splendor of Heaven. He did not have to lay aside His glory to come to Earth. He chose to do this to pay with His blood the penalty of sins which is rightfully ours.

Visualizing the cross deepens our love for Jesus, because He suffered all of it to save us. The indescribable love He showed through His death should lead us to question whether or not we love Him anywhere near as much as He first loved us.