

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Apr 10th 2024**

### **Will only the Christians be saved?**

The Gospel passage, “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” has been called “everybody’s text.” This passage highlights the fact that every person is the essence of the Gospel.

Do parents keep track of all the sacrifices they make for their children? True love doesn't keep count; it leads one to make sacrifices willingly and joyfully. A True lover gives their beloveds everything they have and the best they have to offer. God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had—his only Son, Jesus. Jesus sacrificed his life to make us live healthily.

God initiated humanity's salvation. God sent His Son because He loved the world and each of us He had created. The love of God is at the back of everything.

God's actions are not for His own sake, but for ours. They are not to satisfy His desire for power or to bring the universe to heel, but to satisfy His love. God is not like an absolute monarch who treats each individual as a subject to be reduced to obedient object. He is the Father who cannot be happy until His wandering children have come home.

The love of God is not limited to nations, cultures, or religions. God loved "the world" as a whole, not just a specific nation, good people, or those who loved Him. This vast love of God includes everyone, as St. Augustine stated: "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love."

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