

## ***Christmas Sunday #4***

***December 26, 2021***

### ***John 1:1-18—Installment #4***

## **The Sacrifice of Love**

In this fallen world, love often requires a sacrifice. While the love of friends is usually warm and rich in pleasantries, the sacrificial love (agape') of selfless commitment, while even more deeply satisfying, is often costly and frequently requires sacrifice. It is this love which was demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ which was most costly—from His incarnation to his death on the cross—requiring great sacrifice.

I. The Loss of Fellowship with the Father in the Most Intimate Sense: John 1:1

II. The Sacrifice of Rejection by His Dearest People: John 1:10-11

III. His Sacrificial Life Revealed God in Understandable Human Form:

John 1:18

John 14:9

IV. He Left the Glory of the Father's Throne & the Benefits of His Attributes:

Philippians 2:6-7

V. He Was Misunderstood by Family and Friends Alike: Matthew 12:46-50

VI. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords Had Nowhere to Live or Sleep: Matthew 8:20

V. He Gave His Life in the Ultimate Sacrifice to Die on the Cross for Us

To bear our sins

To carry our sicknesses & pains

To restore us to the Father's house and fill us with His Spirit