

I AM MAN

REFLECTING GOD'S CHARACTER
IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Week Four: "I Am A Man ... Of Passion"

I. The Passion of Jesus

- Long before Jesus suffered, He had a passion
- His suffering was the result of His passion
- Jesus had a cause worth dying for

A. What was Jesus passionate about?

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The state of the mind when it is powerfully acted upon and influenced by something external to itself; the state of any particular faculty which, under such conditions, becomes extremely sensitive or uncontrollably excited

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- We have defined passion to be all about what brings us _____
- It has come to refer to strong _____ desire or _____
- But it is a desire for something so strong that you would even _____ because of it
- It is living for a cause _____ than yourself
- It is being willing to _____ for something more important than yourself

1. Jesus had a passion for the _____ (1 Timothy 1:15; Mark 2:17)

- He came to seek and to _____ (Luke 19:10)
- He came to _____
- He came to _____
- He came to _____ (Colossians 1:13-14)
- He came to _____ (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

2. Jesus had a passion for His Father's _____ (John 4:34; 5:30; 17:4)

- He was perfectly _____
- He was entirely _____
- He was completely _____

3. Jesus had a passion for the _____ and _____ (Matthew 11:4-5; Luke 4:18-19)
 - He came to bring _____ from suffering due to sin
 - He came to bring _____ from captivity from sin's control
 - He came to bring _____ of our spiritual sight
 - He came to _____ mankind to new life

4. Jesus had a passion for the _____ of God (Matthew 4:4; Luke 8:11, 15; John 3:32-34)
 - He _____ according to it
 - He was _____ by it
 - He knew the life-giving _____ of it
 - He was faithful to _____ it

5. Jesus had a passion for _____ (Matthew 14:33; 26:36; Luke 5:16)
 - He loved _____ to His Father
 - He was dependent on _____ from His Father
 - He prayed for _____
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B. Your passion's powerful pull

- Another word for passion in our culture is _____

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- Ambition is a _____ word
 - It can be either good or bad
 - It can drive one person to aggressive sales goals and another on a crime spree
 - Ambition is what gets you *there* from *here*
 - It's the passion that drives our behavior and determines our lifestyle choices
- The question is, is your passion motivated by self or by God?

PRAYER TIME

Take a few minutes to think about what it is that you are passionate about. Do any of them line up with the passions of Jesus? If not, ask God to develop in you a passion for those things that burned in Jesus' heart. Ask Him to make you a man of passion – Christ-like passions for the lost, the Father's will, the Word, the oppressed and suffering, and for prayer.

ANSWER KEY: pleasure, sexual, lust, suffer, greater, die, lost, save, redeem, forgive, rescue, restore, will, obedient, submissive, selfless, oppressed, suffering, relief, release, recovery, restore, Word, lived, nourished, power, keep, prayer, talking, hearing, direction, empowerment, fellowship, ambition, neutral

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