

# I AM MAN

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IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

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

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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 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
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  - He knew the life-giving \_\_\_\_\_ of it
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5. Jesus had a passion for \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 14:33; 26:36; Luke 5:16)
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B. Your passion's powerful pull

- Another word for passion in our culture is \_\_\_\_\_

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  - 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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