



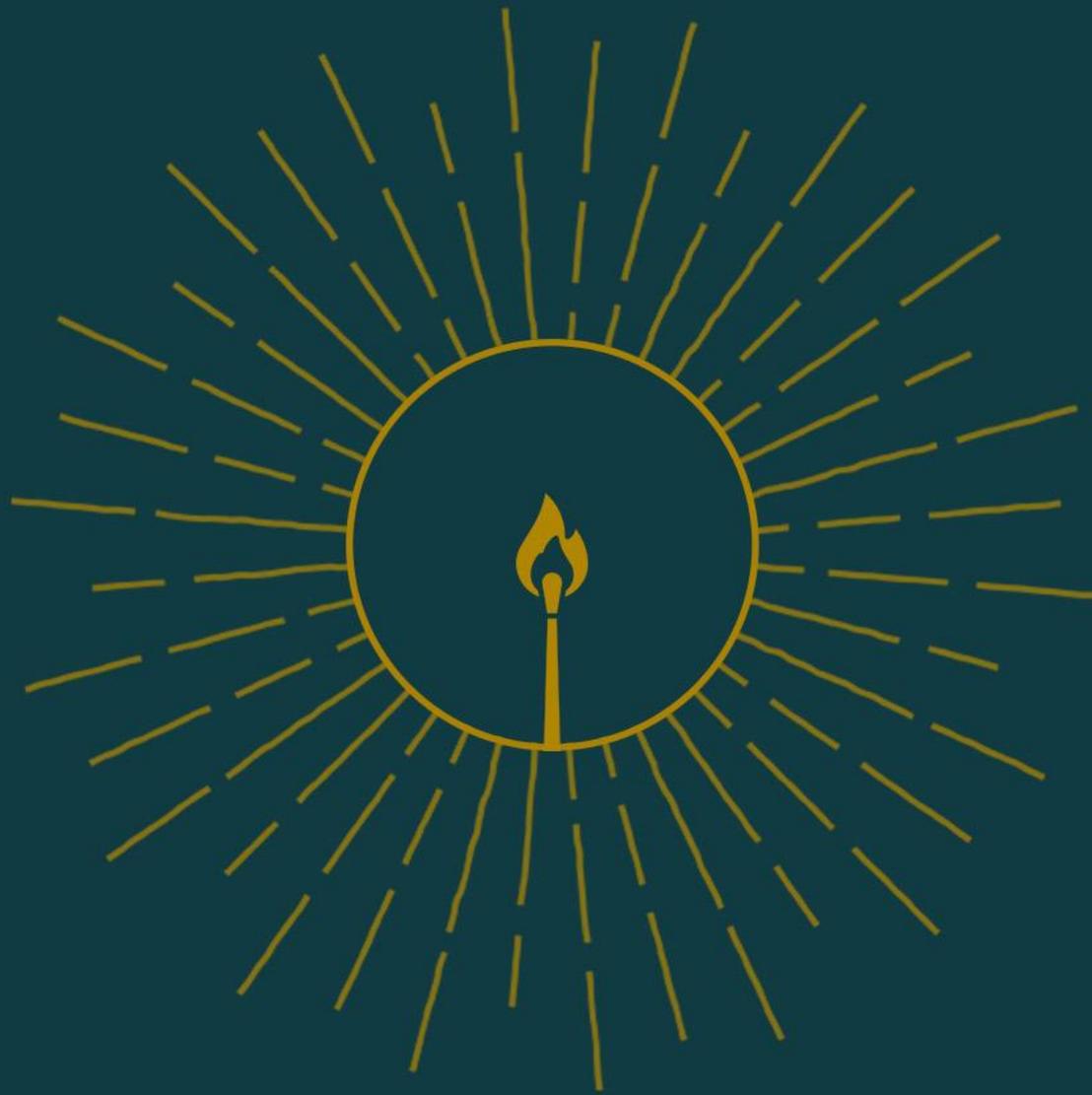
DARKNESS TO LIGHT



John 14:10

“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”





Michael Reeves:

Because the Christian God is triune, the Trinity is the governing center of all Christian belief, the truth that shapes and beautifies all others. The Trinity is the bedrock of all Christian thinking.



## John 14:8-17

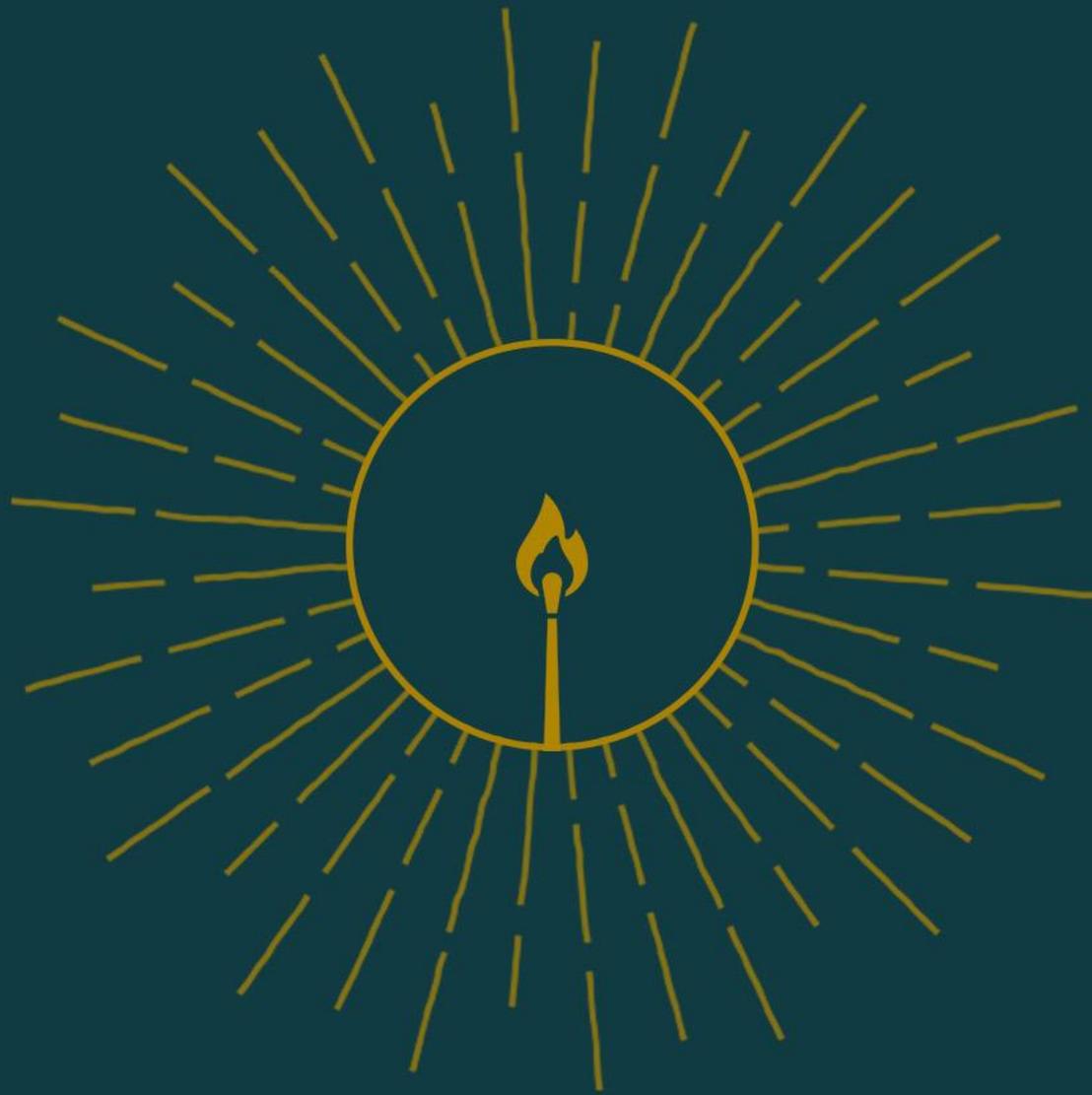
Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied. Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me...”



## John 14:8-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.





## THE TRINITY IS: ONE GOD

"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deut. 6:4-5)

Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30)



# THE TRINITY IS: ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS

The Bible speaks of the Father as God (Philippians 1:2), Jesus as God (Titus 2:13), and the Holy Spirit as God (Acts 5:3–4).

Are these just three different ways of looking at God, or simply ways of referring to three different roles that God plays? The answer must be no, because the Bible also indicates that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons. Not three different beings: One being, in three persons.



## THE TRINITY IS: DIVERSE

In John 10:30, Jesus doesn't say that he IS the Father, or that he IS the Spirit. He is ONE with the Father and Spirit, and yet they are different persons. There is diversity. They are different and they do different things, but they do only what is the will of all three.



## THE TRINITY IS: UNITY

We read in John 17 that the Father gives glory to the Son, and the Son glorifies the Father, and in John 15 the Holy Spirit gives glory to Jesus. In the Trinity there exists no jealousy, hostility, or disharmony. The Trinity is a perfectly united community.



## THE TRINITY:

There is ONE God, who exists eternally as THREE persons. They are DIVERSE in their roles and personhood, and yet they exist and function in perfect UNITY.



Skye Jethani:

We believe that if you peel back the layers of time and space, if you could peer back long before the creation of the world, if you could look back to when there was nothing but God, what would we see? The answer is we would see LOVE.” John tells us "God is love." (1 John 4:8)



## THE TRINITY IS RELATIONSHIP IN LOVE

What was God doing before He created everything? Jesus tells us explicitly in John 17:24. *“Father... you loved me before the creation of the world.”*

What was the Father doing before the creation of the World? Loving His Son.

Before anything at all existed God was the Father loving His Son through the Holy Spirit.



## 1 John 4:7-8

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- “The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands” (Jn 3:35)
- “The Father loves the Son and shows him all he does” (Jn 5:20).
- Jesus also says, “the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me” (Jn 14:31)

## Matthew 3:16-17

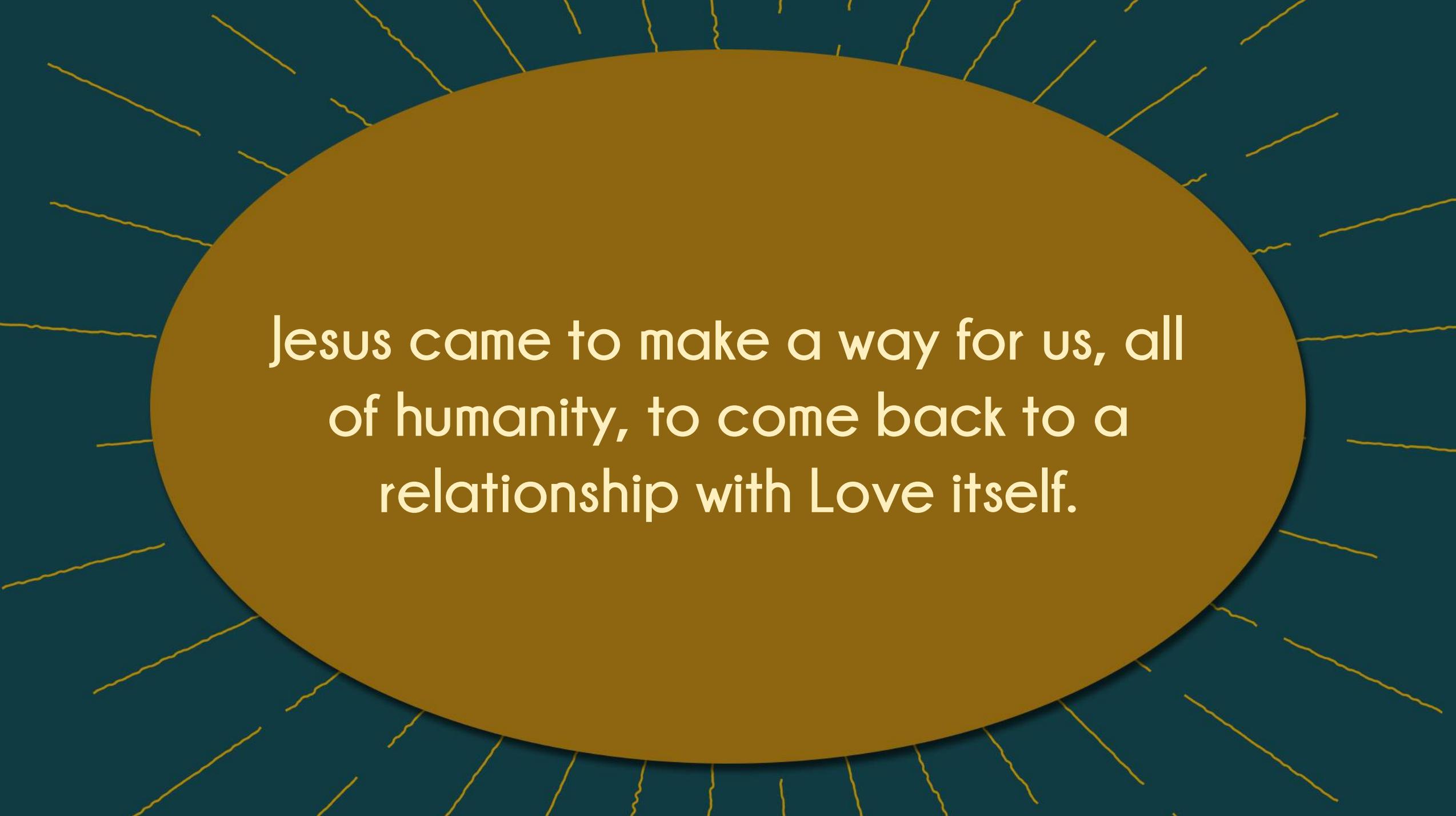
As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



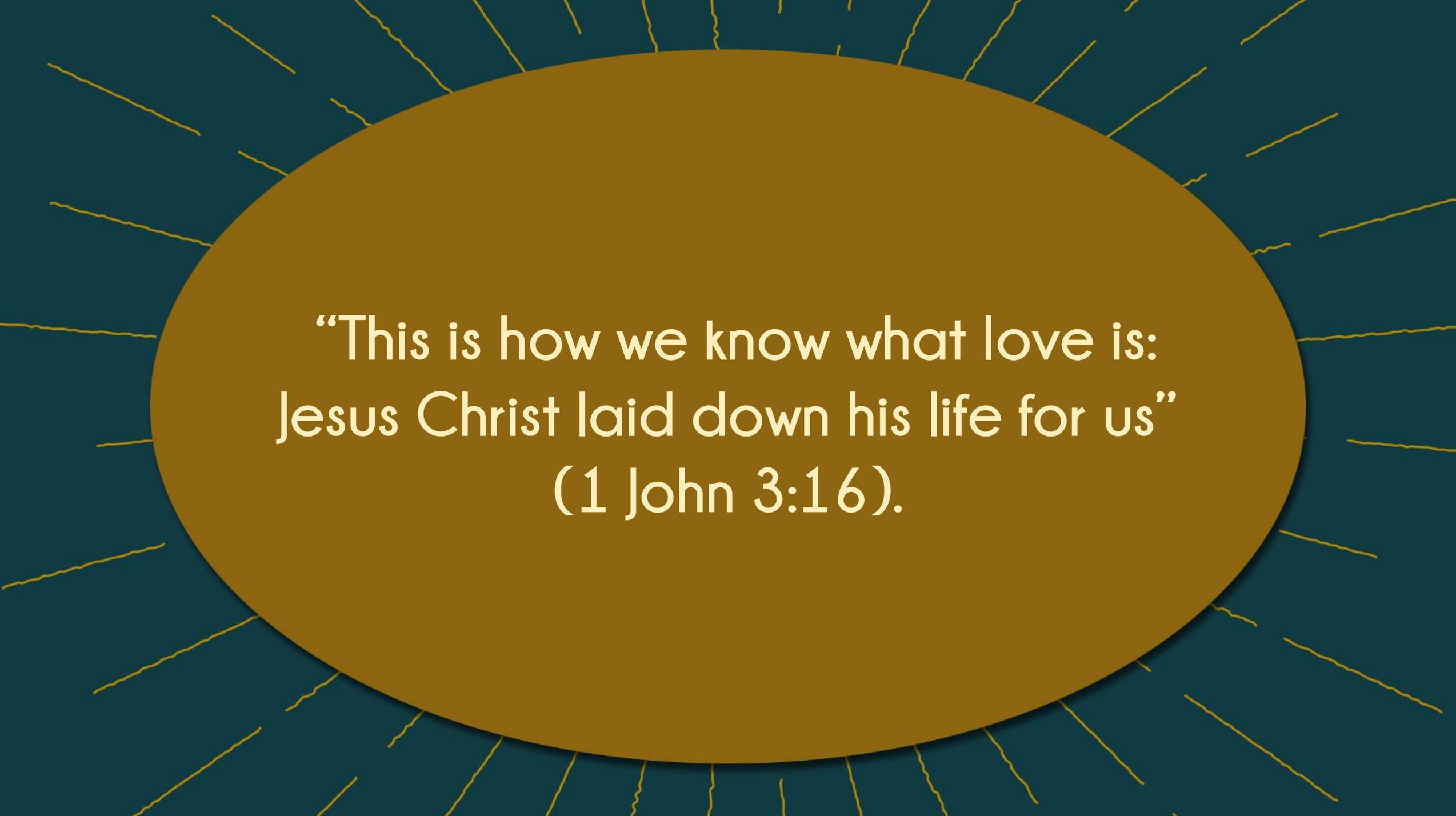
## Michael Reeves

It is all deeply personal: the Spirit stirs up the delight of the Father in the Son and the delight of the Son in the Father, inflaming their love and so binding them together in “the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.” He makes the Father’s love known to the Son, causing him to cry “Abba!”—something he will also do for us (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6). And let’s be clear that “Abba!” is said with joy, for the Spirit so makes the Father known to the Son that the Son rejoices.





Jesus came to make a way for us, all  
of humanity, to come back to a  
relationship with Love itself.

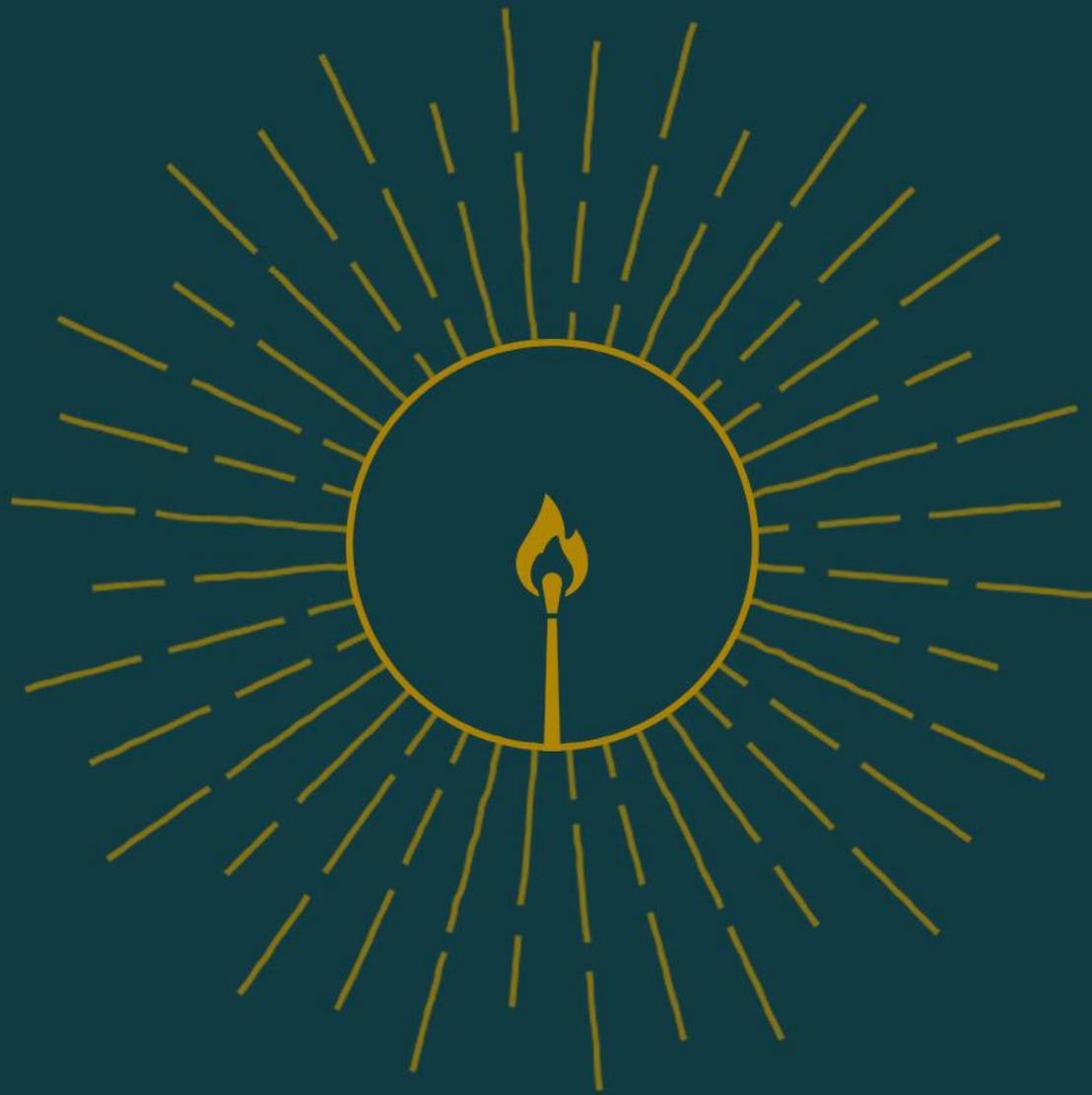


“This is how we know what love is:  
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us”  
(1 John 3:16).

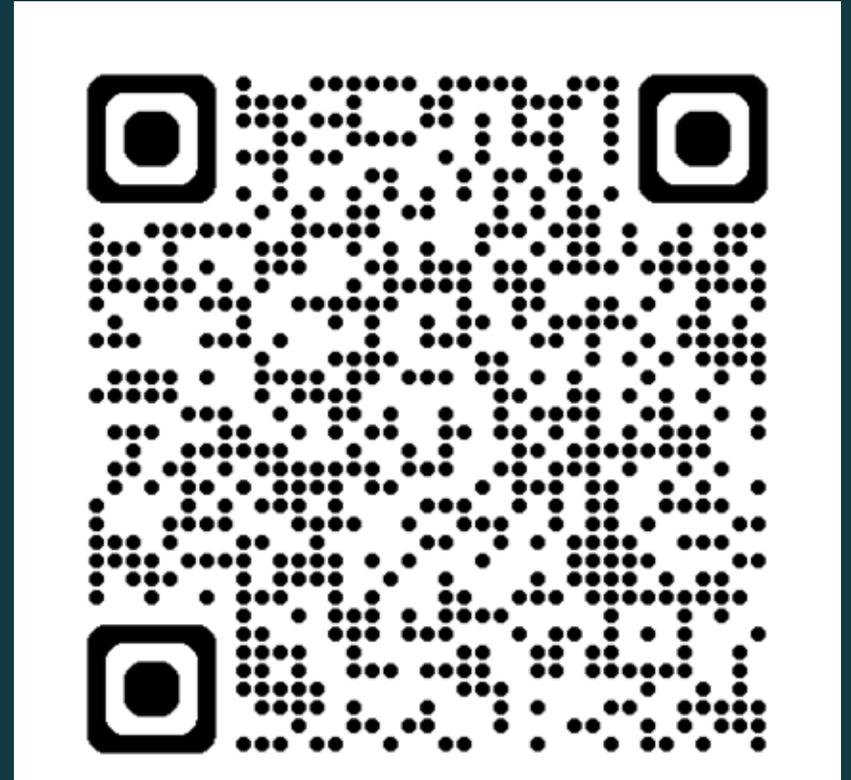
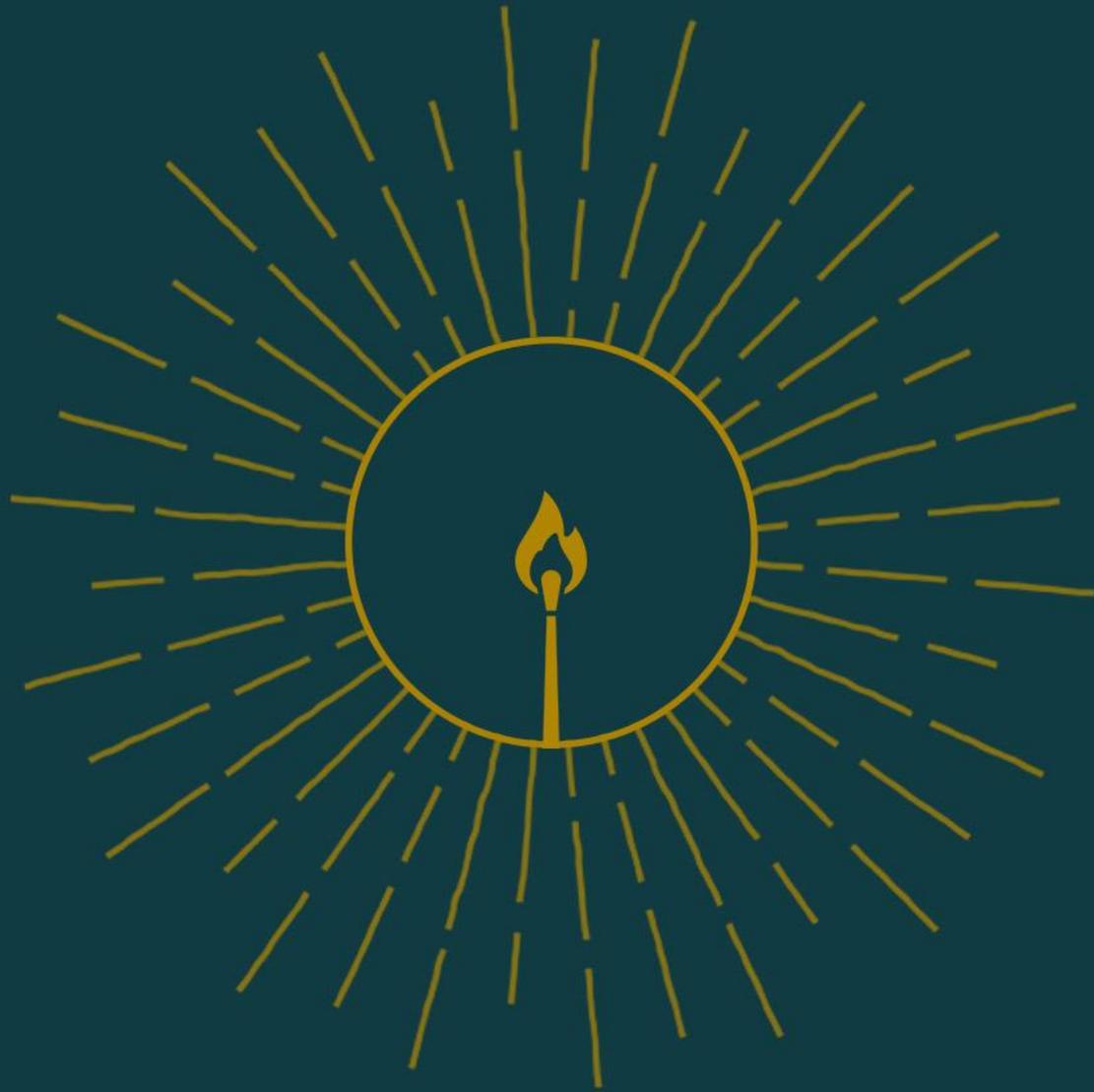
## John 17:24-26

Father, I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.





# SERMON RESOURCES



## Trinitarian Prayer – John Stott

Heavenly Father, we worship you as the creator and sustainer of the universe.

Lord Jesus, we worship you, Savior and Lord of the world.

Holy Spirit, we worship you, sanctifier of the people of God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



Heavenly Father, we pray that we may live this day in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, we pray that this day we may take up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, we pray that this day you will fill us with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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