Love Came Near

SUNDAY · DECEMBER 20
READ John 3:16-21

Few verses are more familiar than John 3:16, but its meaning is astonishing: God loved the world by giving His only Son. Christmas begins with divine generosity toward people who could never earn it. The gift of Jesus reveals the depth of God's love, and the call to believe invites us to receive eternal life in Him. We often measure love by whether life feels pleasant or our desires are satisfied. The cross and the incarnation teach us to measure it by God's costly action for our good. When you feel unworthy or spiritually weary, do not begin with the strength of your love for God. Begin with His love revealed in the Son He gave.

REFLECT

Do you tend to measure God's love by your circumstances or by His gift of Jesus?

PRAY

Father, thank You for loving us by giving Your Son. Deepen our trust in Him.