

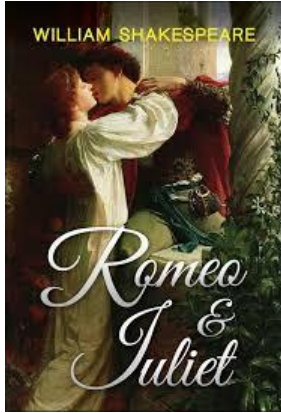


# THE GREATEST LOVE STORY

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# Everyone Loves a Love Story Right?



Cleopatra and Mark Antony



Lancelot and Guinevere



**Then I came across these!**



# What do you think of when you think about the Bible?

- ▶ History?
- ▶ Poetry?
- ▶ Prophecy?
- ▶ Gospel (Good News)?
- ▶ Letters?
- ▶ Instruction that leads to a better life?
- ▶ Moral compass?

**In its whole, the Bible is a Love Story of God for his People**

# What Makes This the Greatest Love Story?

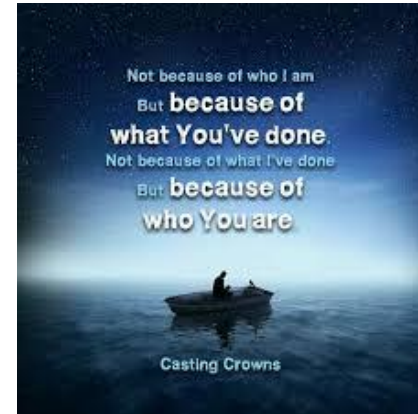
## ▶ The Who is all of us!

### ❑ Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

### ❑ Romans 5: 6-8

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.....but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”



# What Makes This the Greatest Love Story? The What (the Magnitude of the Love)



**Isaiah 53: 5-6 “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

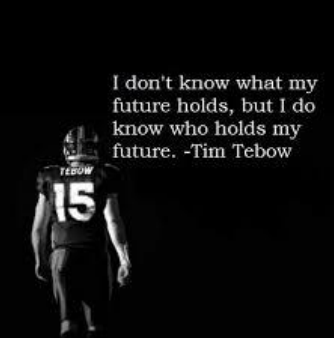
Jesus' love for His children continues to be the greatest love story of all time

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# What Makes This the Greatest Love Story?

## The Why (Why did God do it? What is the Benefit)

- ▶ “I’m working for the Lord, and even though the Lord’s pay isn’t very high, his retirement program is.” – George Foreman
- ▶ **John 3:16-17, “For God so Loved the World, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life! For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”**
- ▶ What would you be willing to trade for Eternal Life?



I don't know what my future holds, but I do know who holds my future. -Tim Tebow

# **Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior**

**"Jesus went around saying he was the Messiah. That's why he was crucified. He was crucified because he said he was the Son of God. So, he either, in my view, was the Son of God or he was nuts. Forget rock-and-roll messianic complexes, I mean Charlie Manson-type delirium. And I find it hard to accept that whole millions and millions of lives, half the Earth, for 2,000 years have been touched, have felt their lives touched and inspired by some nutter. I just... I don't believe it."**

**- Bono from U2**



# The Essence of Jesus' Message

Love is the absolute highest commandment in the entire New Testament. Jesus' entire message and purpose is to reveal the love of God and reconcile humanity so that they will show the world true love.

# How do we truly know God's Love? And What should we do?



## By His Scars!

What should we do?

- ▶ Give your life to Jesus
- ▶ Pay his love forward to others
- ▶ Your joy will be contagious!
- ▶ Treat people with love and kindness