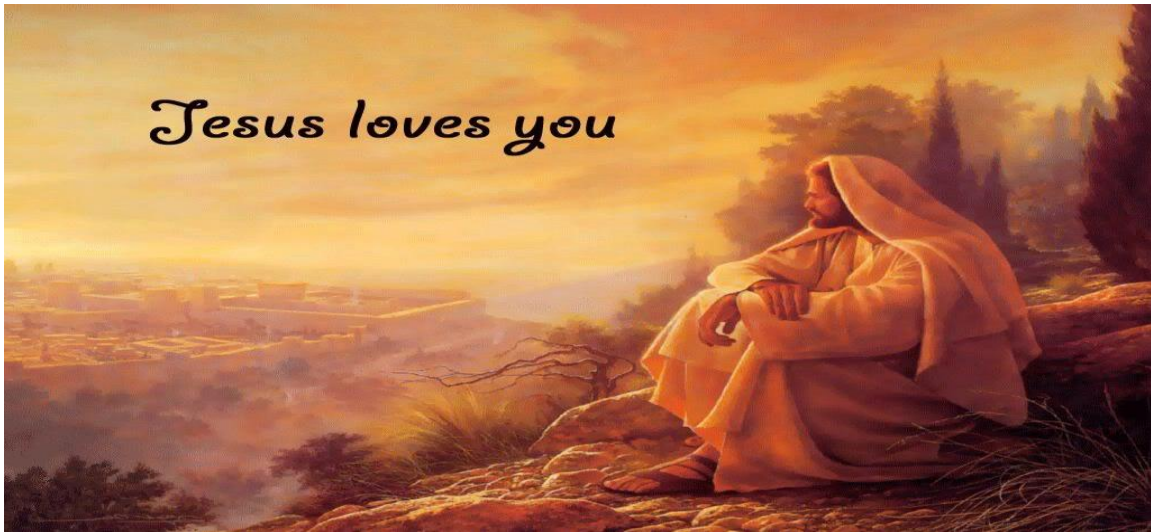


**JUST THINKING IV
PASTOR STAN**

WHAT DO YOU SEE?



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Jesus went to Jerusalem to put people in a situation where they had to say yes or no. That is the great drama of the passion of Jesus, he had to wait on their response. I believe that his agony is not just the agony of his approaching death. But it is also the agony of being out of control and having to wait.

Some weeks ago, I preached a sermon where I talked about when God established a covenant with Abraham. This experience marks a change in the relationship between God and humanity. God seems to actually extend an invitation to be in a loving, intimate relationship with his creatures. I also believe that God is not removed from us but that God dwells with each and every one of us and eventually becomes one of us.

But the relationship is not something that God forces on us; it is an invitation. God makes himself vulnerable by giving us the opportunity to reject him. What a wonderful gift!

In this season of Lent, Pastor Stan's question is simply what will you do? In the midst of this coronavirus, I would ask that we simply remember that JESUS loves us!

STAY PRAYFUL, SAFE AND HEALTHY