

Loving Without Condition, Loving Like Christ

1 John 3:18-21

(Part 2)

# THE HOLY LAND

- FIRST CENTURY AD

*Mediterranean  
Sea*



## THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

(LUKE 10:25-37)



*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers... But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.*

# Characteristics of Impersonal Love

- Impossible without abiding
- Unconditional
- Not dependent on relationship
- It is a key 'proof' of *spiritual maturity*
- It is the basis for creating, maintaining, fixing, and advancing in relationships

# Impersonal Love

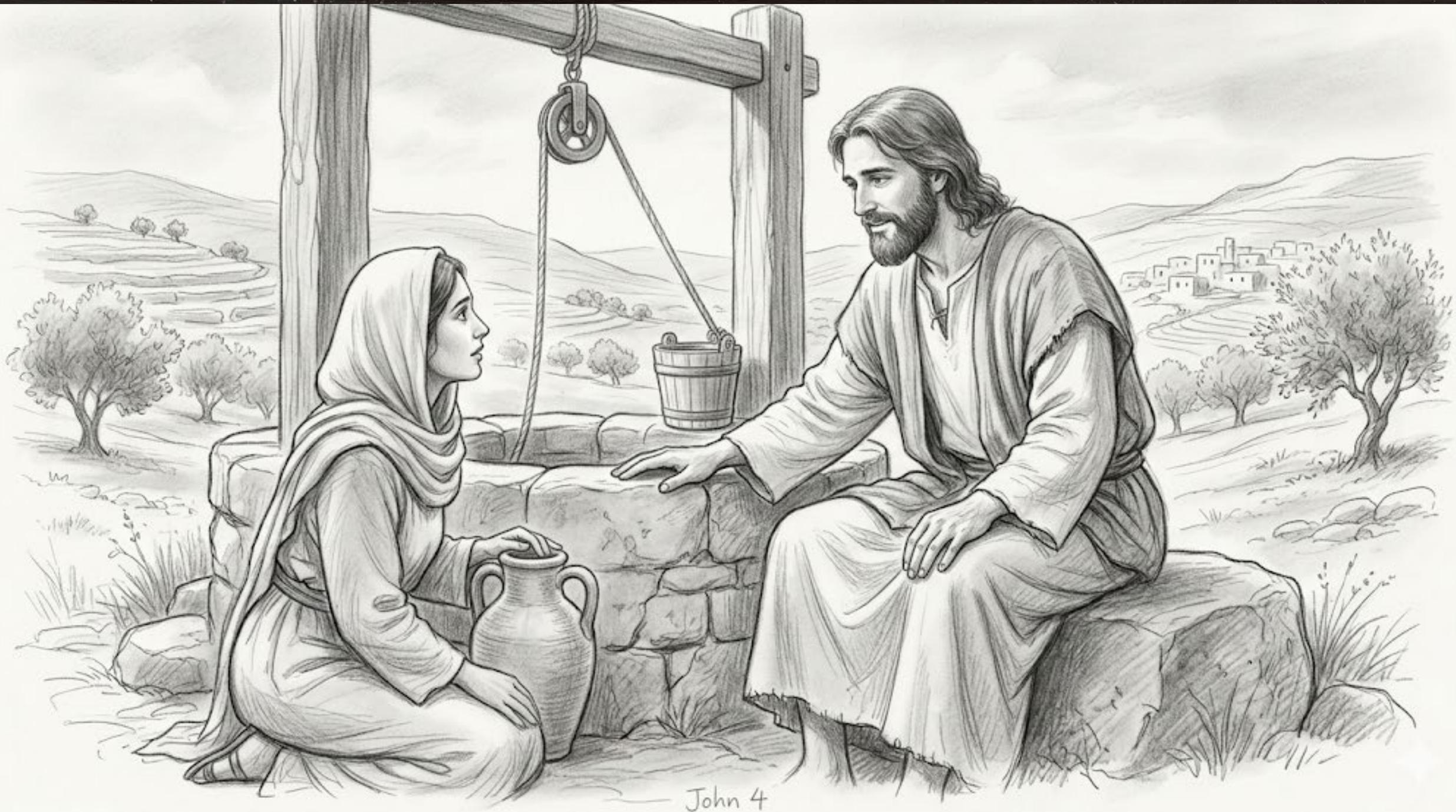
**Agapao**: a selfless and sacrificial act for the benefit of another, irrespective of merit; *costing* the 'performer'

“Impersonal” refers to the SUBJECT of the verb (“love”), not the OBJECT

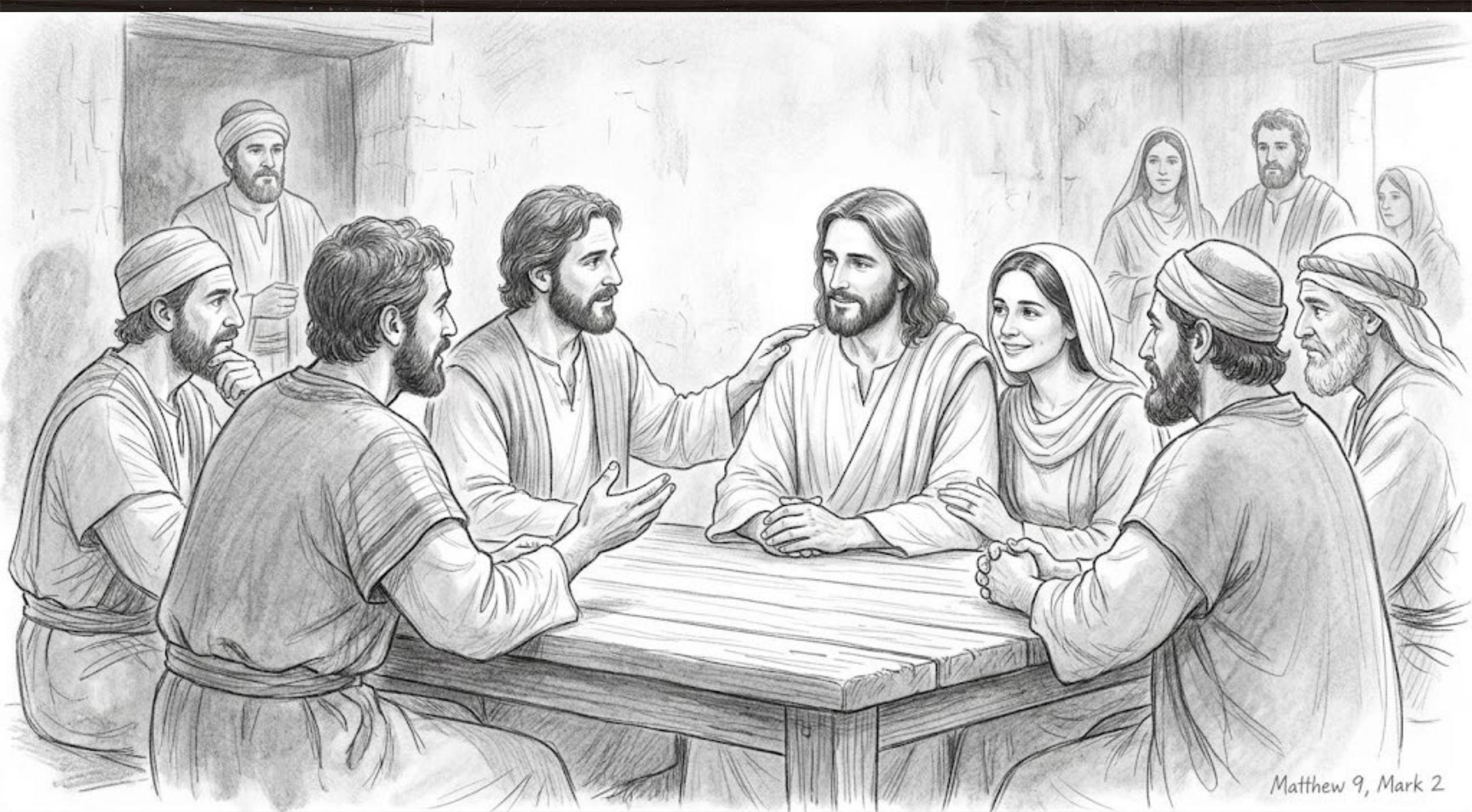
–“I love you”: “I” = SUBJECT; “you” = OBJECT

- To love ‘impersonally’: I show you love because of my *virtue and character*.

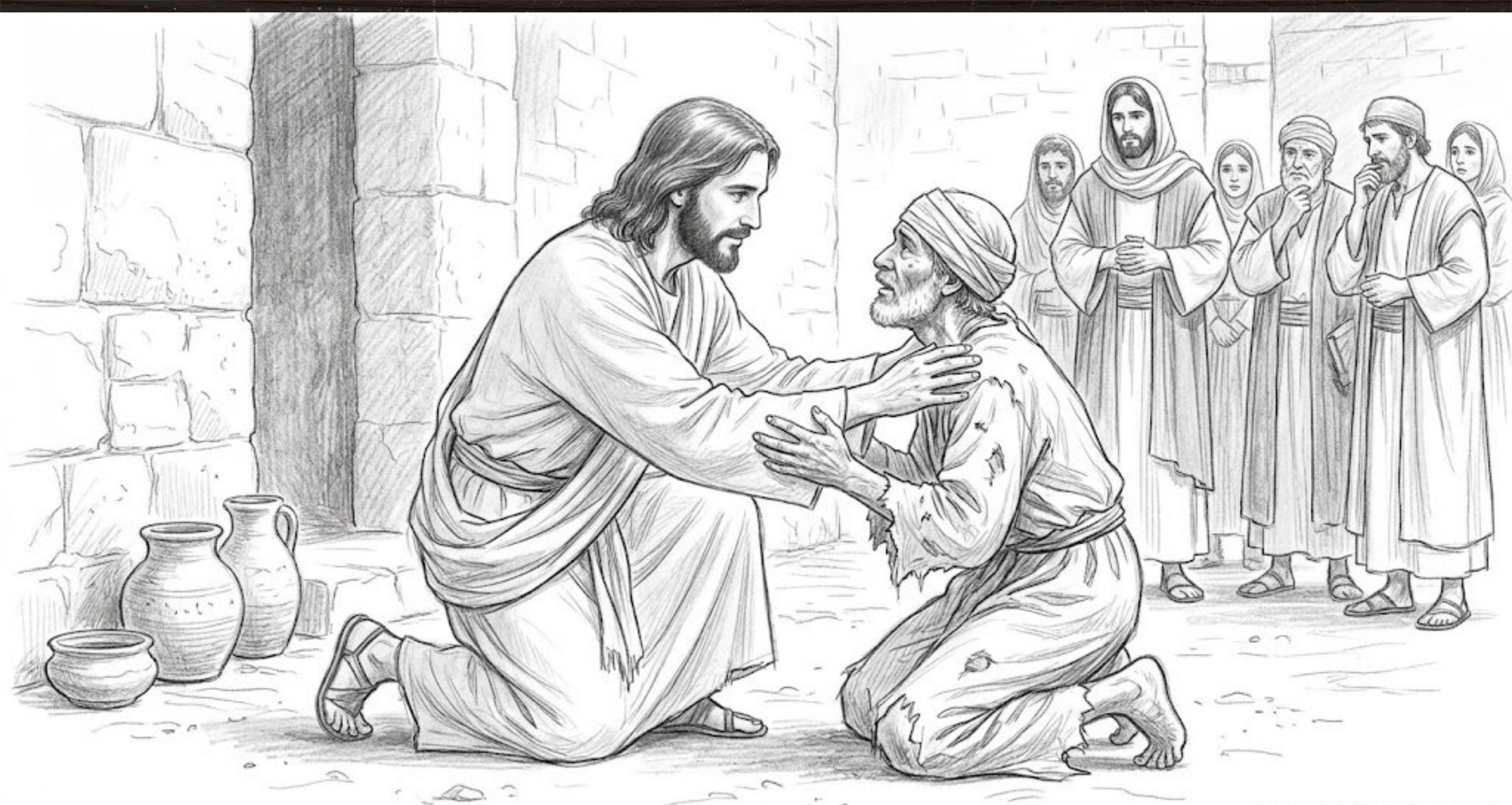
Jesus’ death on the cross expressed IMPERSONAL love because: it was driven by the character of the subject (GOD), not the merit of the object (WE SINNERS)



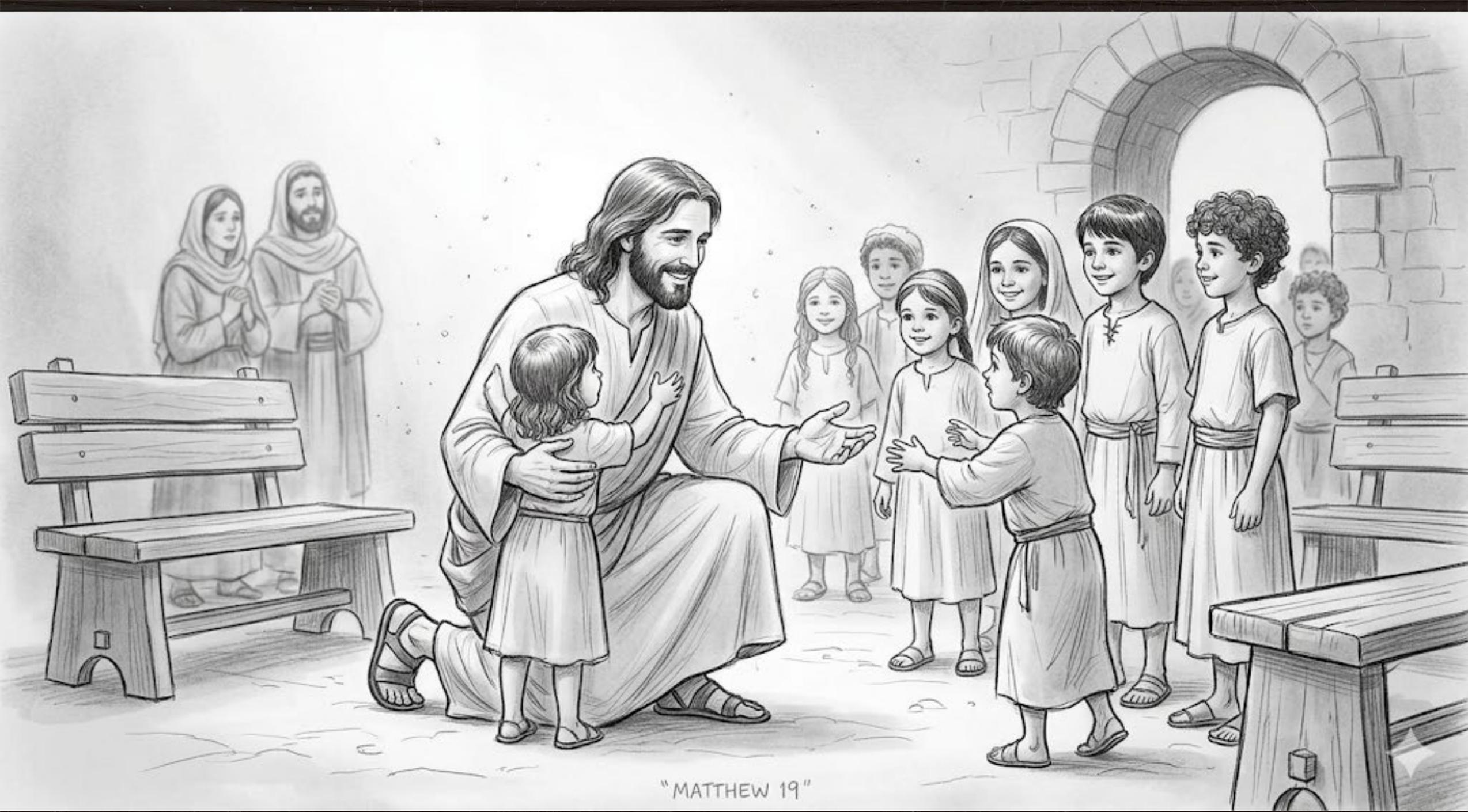
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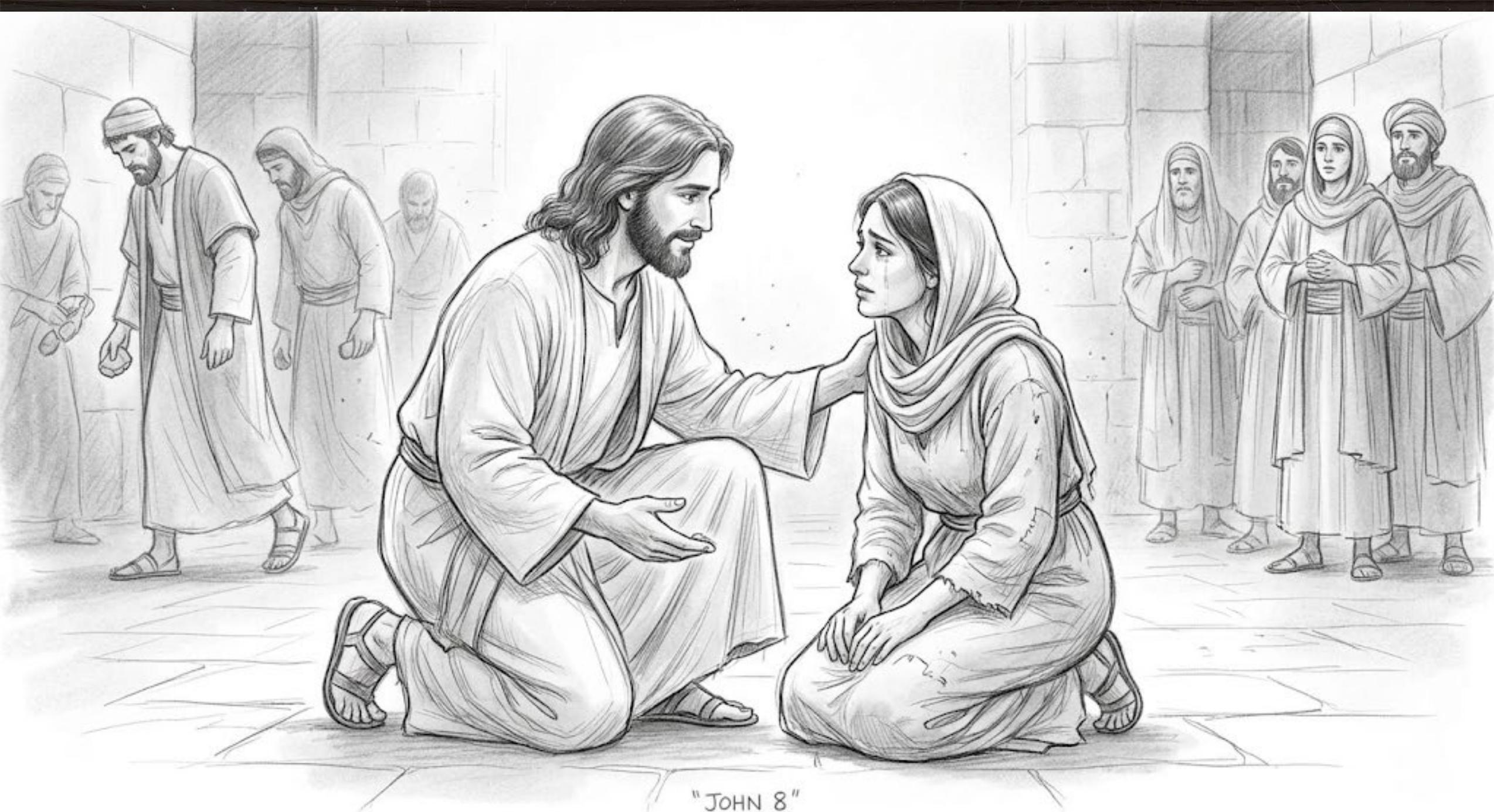
Matthew 9, Mark 2



"Matthew 8, Mark 1, Luke 5"



"MATTHEW 19"



"JOHN 8"

“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”

1 John 3:11 (ESV)

“We know that we have passed out of death into life,  
because we love the brothers...”

1 John 3:14 (ESV)

“By this we know love, that He laid His life down for us,  
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

1 John 3:16 (ESV)

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 3:18 (ESV)

“By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God”

1 John 3:19-21 (ESV)

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 3:18 (ESV)

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ (26)He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ (27)And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’”

**Luke 10:25–27 (ESV)**

“Jesus answered them, ‘I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. (25)The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?’ And they discussed it among themselves, saying, ‘If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ (26)But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ (27)So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And He said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’”

**Matthew 21:24–27 (ESV)**

“And He said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’ (29) But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’”

Luke 10:28–29 (ESV)

“Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. (31)Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.’”

Luke 10:30–31 (ESV)

“So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”

Luke 10:32 (ESV)

“But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.”

Luke 10:33 (ESV)

‘He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (35)And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

**Luke 10:34–35 (ESV)**

‘Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’”

(37)He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’”

**Luke 10:36–37 (ESV)**

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, (13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

Colossians 3:12–13 (ESV)

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)