

A Baptism of Love: The Jesus of Gethsemane



Scripture

- **Song of Songs 4:16**

“Awake, O north wind, and come, wind of the south; Make my garden breathe out fragrance. Let its spices be wafted abroad. May my beloved come into his garden and eat its choice fruits!”

- **Song of Songs 5:1-11**

“I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh along with my balsam. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey. I have drunk my wine and my milk. Eat, friends; Drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers.” I was asleep but my heart was awake. A voice! My beloved was knocking: ‘Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my perfect one! For my head is drenched with dew, My locks with the damp of the night.”

I searched for him but I did not find him; I called him but he did not answer me. My beloved is dazzling and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.
His head is like gold, pure gold; His locks are like clusters of dates...

- **Song of Songs 6:1**

“Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?” My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of balsam to pasture his flock.
You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling, as lovely as Jerusalem Turn your eyes away from me for they have confused me.

Other Scriptures

- **Phil. 3:10**
- **James 1:2**

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Main Points

- When we give Jesus full access to our lives, He introduces Himself in a new way.
- Jesus is looking for a partner who will experience life fully with Him.
- Will you continue to be faithful to Jesus by faith working in love?
- God can truly strengthen us when we are in our worst trials.
- Those who want to become connected with Jesus at the deepest level must become servants.
- God has placed Himself in a position where your love affects Him.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever given Jesus full permission to fully have His way with your life? Did you pray this with Rabbi today? Now watch with expectancy at what God will do in you and through you.
2. Are you willing to share in His sufferings? Even in time of separation from Him when you don't feel His love, will you remain faithful toward Jesus? If so, you are showing your maturity and strength of faith. Write a prayer of commitment to God today telling Him what you want to live out.
3. The Shulamite caused others to desire Jesus by the praises of her lips for Jesus. You can do the same. How can you make Jesus beautiful to others today in your life? Write a testimony that you can share with others about Jesus.
4. Where is Jesus? He is serving. Are you?
5. What does the fact that your love affects Him mean to you?