

# 4 acts of Love

(Reflections from the sermon on Sunday – April 10, 2016)

## 1 - Going to the People

*Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound [the mighty entrance of the Holy Spirit], a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.*

**Acts 2:5-6 NIV**

The Lord gave us everything we need to do what we are to do for the One we are surrendered to.

OK? Now, don't make more of it than it is; don't make doctrine into religious condemnation; don't cloud the coffee, muddy the waters or color outside the lines... Just go to the people with the spirit of Jesus and His message.

That's it! Now let's get started.

What did Jesus do to reach the outsiders?

**Matthew 14:13-16; Luke 18:35-43:**

Why did the crowds follow Him? What did they want? What did they see in Him?

**Mark 10**

In the discourse on divorce (2-12) what was the main point? Was it about divorce or something else?



Based on the “indignant” reaction of the disciples to parents bringing their children to Him for His blessing (**13-16**) Jesus responded with some righteous indignation of His own. What did He want us to learn in this encounter?

How hard IS it for people who have everything to enter the kingdom of heaven (**17-31**)? What was the issue with this young ruler?

When you compare the fact that the rich don't need anything else to **Psalm 23:1**, what is the difference between David and this rich young ruler?

Going to Jerusalem (**32-34**) was to be the last journey Jesus would take. Yet, His “going ahead of the disciples” was as symbolic as it was literal. Why were the disciples in awe?

Why were the rest of the followers afraid?

What does this have to do with taking the Gospel to the people today?

Jesus contrasted leadership in a Christ-filled life with the leaders of the rest of the world (**35-45**). What were James and John really wanting?

How does one become a true leader in the church?