

“A VALENTINE FOR JESUS”

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Synopsis

Love relationships, particularly marriage relationships, are accentuated on Valentines Day. We thank our partners for their love, patience, forgiveness, and support, especially when we did not deserve it. However, the most important love relationship is between Christ and the body of believers (the church). This Readers Theater presentation shares a Valentine wish to the bridegroom of the church, Jesus Christ.

Scripture

Romans 7:4b "...that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Ministry Lesson

The church is often pictured as the bride of Christ. This analogy of a marriage relationship enables us to better understand the loving relationship Jesus has with us and we ought to have with Him.

Ministry Theme

Love

Cast/Readers

Wife

Husband

Prop

Two 3-ring black binders

Costumes

All readers are dressed in black (optional)

Time: 4 minutes

Director's notes

In this script, the husband and wife appear to express their love to one another; however, the audience will come to learn (at the end) that they are actually expressing their love to Jesus.

"A Valentine for Jesus"

Wife: It's Valentines Day and I bought a card for you.

Husband: You know it's not easy for me to talk to you.

Together: So I decided to include this personal message inside.

Husband: I know I've come up short many times, but you never gave up on me.

Wife: So many times I've failed to do what I should, but you never stopped loving me.

Husband: I'm still amazed that you chose me.

Wife: You are the one I've been searching for all my life.

Husband: I was lost and my life was in shambles, but you didn't care, you took me just as I was.

Wife: Nobody is perfect, especially me. You didn't look at my imperfections, but you saw my potential.

Husband: You didn't see the man that I was, but the man that I could be through you.

Wife: You seemed to know me better than I knew myself.
Even when I was smiling, I could sense you
asking, "what's wrong?"

Husband: It wasn't that I didn't want to do right, but
there was something inside of me that was pleased
when I did wrong.

Wife: Only with you, have I been able to share my
deepest fears and problems, and you never turned
away.

Husband: When I couldn't... when I wouldn't stop living
wrong, you never left me.

Wife: You picked me up at the lowest point in my life.

Husband: When the world turned its back on me, you reached
out your hand.

Wife: When I found myself with child, but without a
husband, you comforted me.

Husband: Many times I thought life was all about me. After
meeting you, I realized life was all about you.

Wife: You forgave me before I forgave myself.

Husband: You taught me how to forgive, how to love.

Wife: And to think that you wanted me to be your bride.

Husband: I can't believe you loved me so much that you wanted to be associated with me forever.

Wife: From the beginning of time...

Husband: From the foundation of the world...

Together: You planned to die for me.

Husband: And through your death and resurrection, I was reborn.

Wife: Now I'm part of your body...the Church.

Husband: That you gave your life for.

Wife: And you are still nurturing me through your Word and your Spirit...

- End of Preview -

As the script concludes the characters continue to express their deep love to Jesus on this Valentine's Day.
