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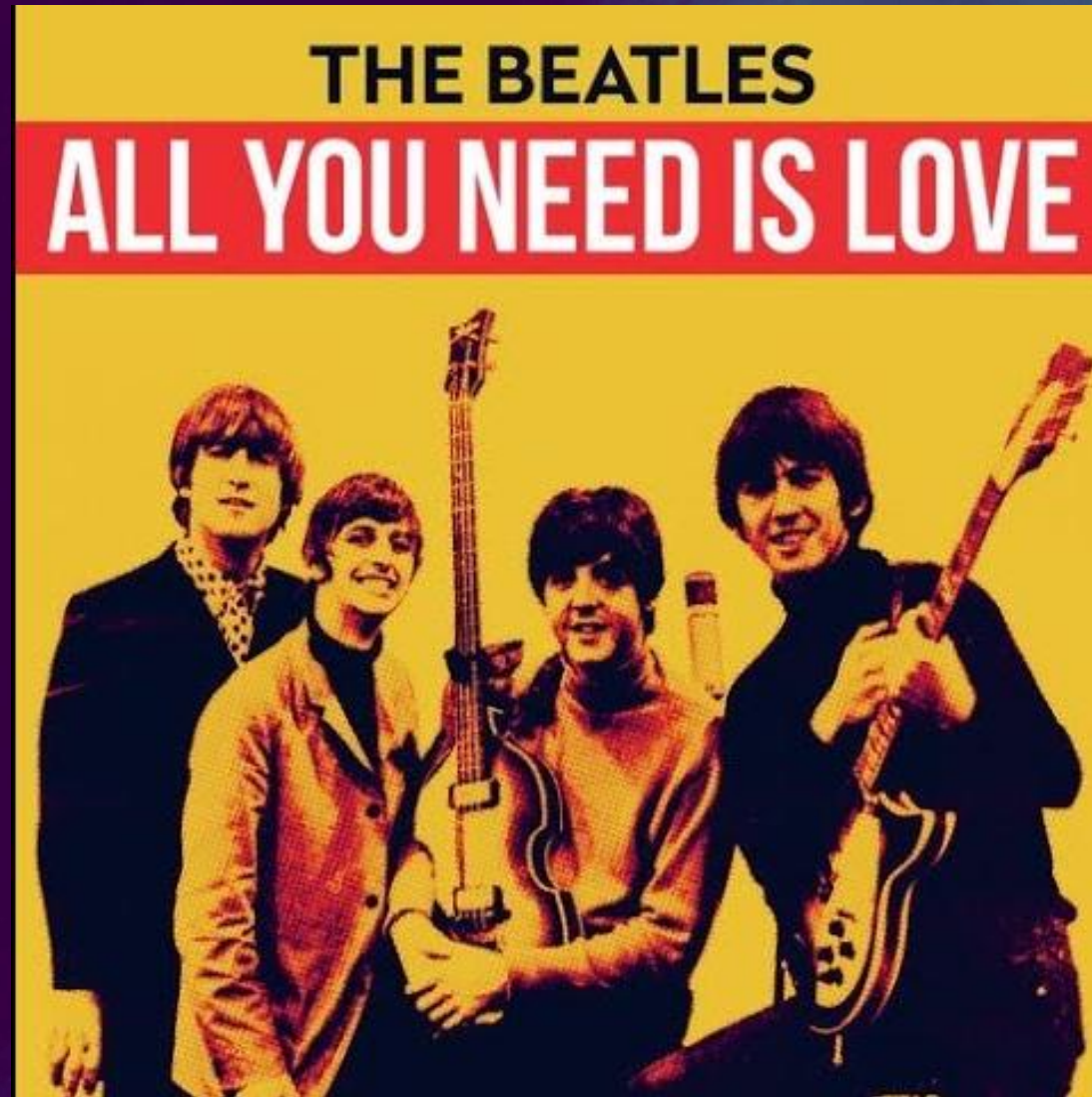
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21st Century – a £2billion industry

A Universal Human Desire



Our Need for Love is a Positive Desire

“If we could find the one who would always love us and never fail this, it would bring redemption and fulfilment. There’s just one snag: human partners can’t do this.... If we fail to appreciate [this], we risk bouncing around from one relationship to another, never finding what we’re looking for. Desiring the right thing, we look for it in the wrong places and experience break-ups, betrayals, shame and regrets.”

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The Language of Love

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agape – *the sacrificial love of God*

The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life



**Origins
& Meaning**



**Exodus
& Freedom**



**Exile
& Peace**

**Messiah
& Love**



**Spirit
& Community**



**Hope
& Home**



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Immanuel – ‘God with us’

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Messiah – the anointed king



The Love of the Messiah

The **GOOD** king

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The GOOD king

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Luke 4:18-19 / Isaiah 61:1-2



The GOOD king

“Jesus Christ is God’s love in person. He is the source of our desire and the fulfilment of our deepest need. The life of Jesus... is love in action, love incarnate: the broken healed, the guilty forgiven, outcasts embraced and the marginalised welcomed home.”

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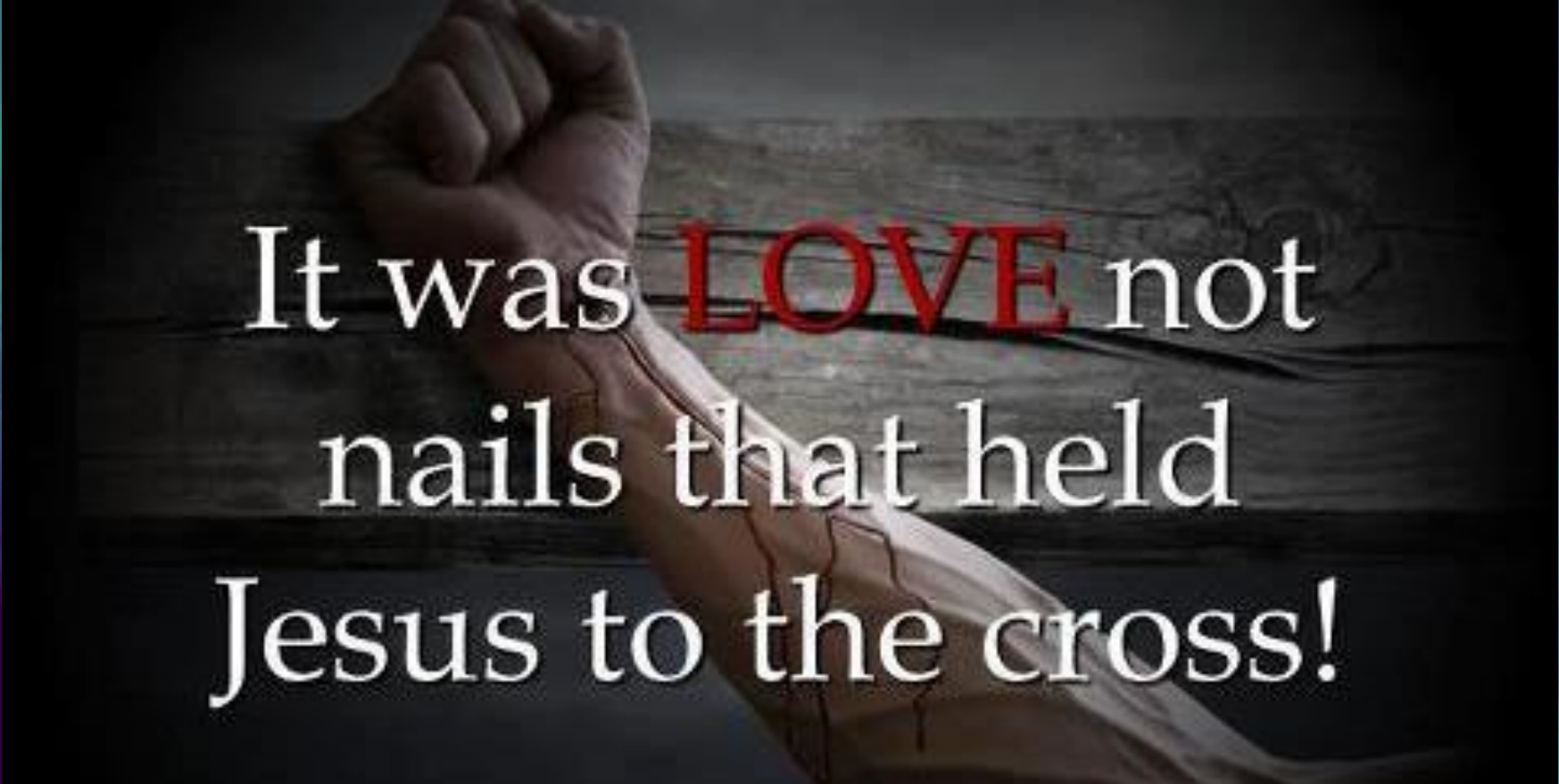
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It was **LOVE** not
nails that held
Jesus to the cross!

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The CRUCIFIED king

“He was despised and rejected - a man of sorrows ... Yet it was our weaknesses he carried... he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed... the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.”

Isaiah 53:3-6



The CRUCIFIED king

“The cross was the ultimate act of self-substitution. Jesus willingly stepped into our predicament and took our darkest terrors - sin, judgement and hell. The son of God got nailed for us. But precisely because of this, the cross is also a great exchange: because Jesus got what we deserve, we can have what he deserves. He was forsaken so we can be forgiven. He was cursed so we can be blessed. He was shut out so we can come home.”

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“We know what real love is because
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1 John 3:16



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“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16



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The Love of the Messiah

“Set in the context of a Roman empire in love with power, Jesus displayed the power of love – bleeding and dying for his enemies. The seismic claim of the New Testament is that through his perfect life, bloody death and bodily resurrection, the Messiah has launched an agape revolution. Now we are invited to be part of it by receiving God’s love, allowing it to permeate us and sharing it with others.”

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Accepting God's Love Today

**Lord Jesus, I am moved by Your love,
shown in Your life, death, and resurrection.**

**I believe You are the Son of God,
and I ask You today to be my Saviour.
I turn from my past and give my life to You.
Guide me and help me follow You always
that I may love others as you have loved me.
Thank You for Your forgiveness and grace.**

Amen.

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