

Everyone longs for love. Who could possibly be against it? Love seems uncontroversial: the modern-day equivalent of 'motherhood and apple pie'.

However, might love be far more controversial – far more disruptive – than we think? Jesus was the only human to love perfectly. His love included friend and foe and was the cause of His death.

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