

I. ANOINTED TO UNDERSTAND JESUS LOVE COMPLETELY- THE STORY OF JOHN

- A. Jesus picks 12 disciples one of them being John, also known as the author of the book of John and the apostle of love. In the beginning of his journey however he was known as the son of thunder.

Mark 3:17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";

- B. You don't get a nickname like son of thunder for no reason. But that is how Jesus disciples James and John were known. They were tough guys, they probably didn't back down from confrontation. In fact they might've even look forward to one.
- C. They walked through the city of Samaria and wanted to call fire down on it because of its rejection of Jesus. Jesus told them you don't know what spirit you are operating out of.
- D. This is how we all start out. We start out weak and broken, swinging and fighting. But it is my opinion that Jesus wants to release an anointing on us for love. Not just an anointing to love each other but to know that He loves us.
- E. John is referred to in the Bible a few more times but the next few times he is known as the disciple whom Jesus loved. How do you go from one extreme to the other.
- F. Jesus commands us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, to love each other, to love our enemies. But there is another love that we must understand. That we are loved deeply by God. To operate in this anointing that is available for all of us.

John 13:21-26 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

- G. The description of leaning on Jesus bosom likens this to the description of Jesus in the bosom of the Father in John 1:18. ***The only begotten son who is in the bosom of the Father.*** This description is the father reaching out to humanity through Jesus.
- H. Imagine having the confidence to lean on Jesus chest. This would take some serious transformation. Then to go on to describes himself as the one who Jesus loved. This causes John's whole life to change, the way he acts, the way he spends his time, the way he interacts with God, the way he interacts with other people.