

Yeshua (Jesus)

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In this monologue, the very people Jesus has been healing and teaching have given him up to be executed. Beaten and bleeding, he shares his heart with the audience.

Does anyone know what it is to love, and love, and love those who sin against you? It's like stripping off your own skin. It's like feeding them from your blood. It's dying.

Do you know that those who hate, they're only doing it to protect themselves? What is not alive cannot die. Those who hate have cut themselves off from their enemies; they don't need to be disappointed in them, or hope for them, or feel anything but their own pain.

But to *love!* To *care* what people do, and what they are becoming – to wonder how the touch of God could have meant so little to them – to weep for their pain, and their wandering, and to long to bring them home – to feel for them *and* for God ... this is living. This is the one who lives even in his dying.