

## Who would have thought?

Acts 1:8, John 13:34-35, Acts 3:15

Nearly two thousand years ago a Jewish carpenter started a 3 year public ministry. He would never wander more than 35 miles from his home town. He would do and say things no one else had ever done or said. He would eventually be crucified on a Roman cross and be buried in a borrowed tomb. You would have thought that would have been the last we heard of him.

Today we know more about him than any emperor of Rome, or king or leader of any kingdom or country. He is known by more people than any other person who has ever lived.

How did that happen? Why did that happen?

1. Have you ever had an experience that made the Bible more real to you?
2. What comes to mind when you see an image of the cross?
3. Have you ever been persecuted because you believe in something?
4. Jesus taught a different kind of love. Do you find it difficult to love everyone?
5. Read John 13:34-35. Have you ever experienced the love of God through another person?
6. How do people experience the love of God through you?

Each of us has the opportunity to experience God's love every day.

What can you do this week to remind yourself of how much God loves you?

What can you do this week to extend unconditional love to someone around you?