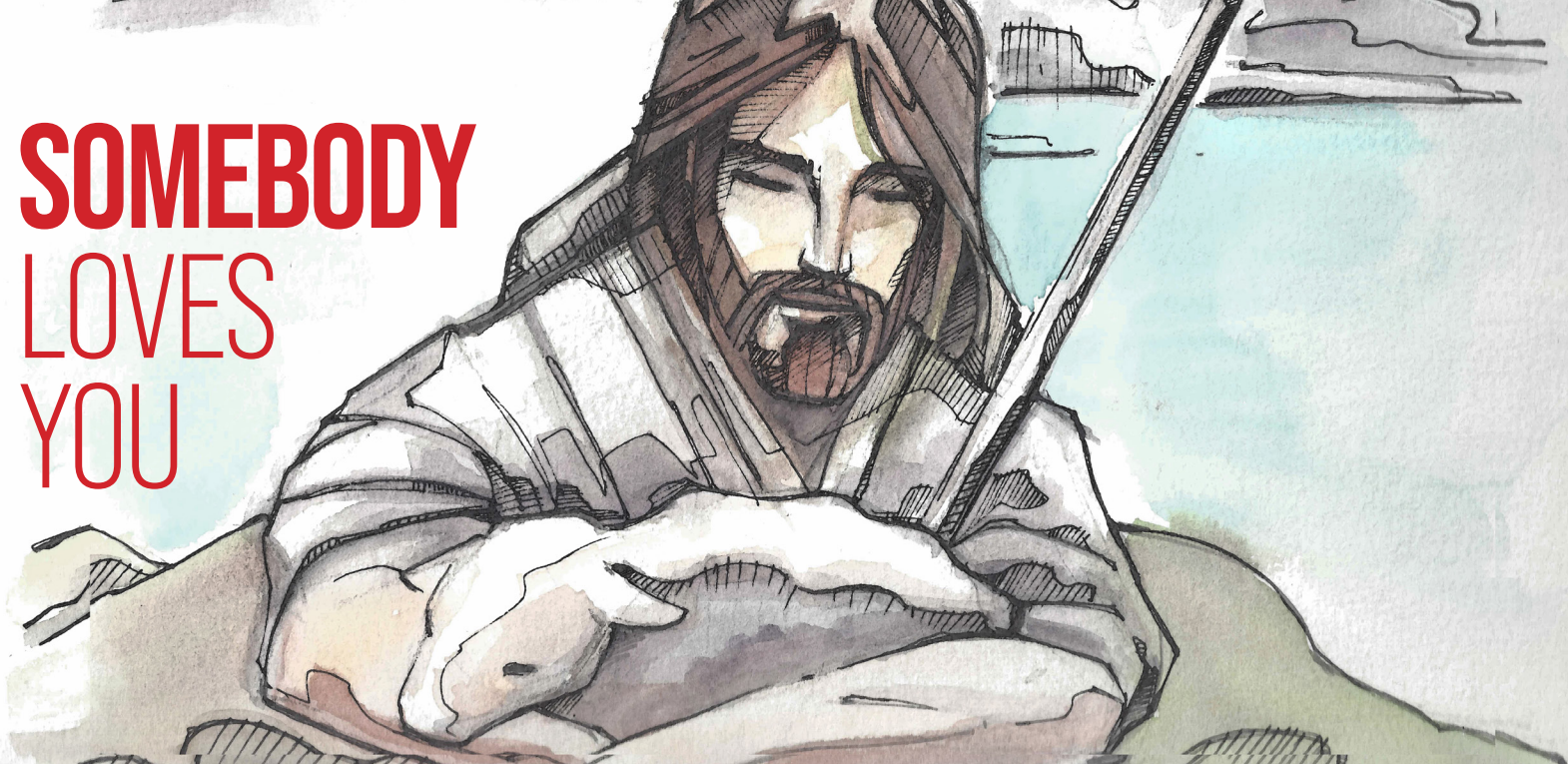


SOMEBODY LOVES YOU



*Somebody loves you and wants you to know,
He longs to be with you wherever you go.
Somebody loves you, and right from the start,
Somebody wants to come into your heart.*



We all want to be loved and to love someone, and love is the greatest thing on earth to most of us. Much of the sadness we experience in life is due to a lack of love, for if everyone loved others, there would be no more wars or violence or poverty.

But amidst all the pain and suffering, the world is also full of love and wondrous life, and the beauty of creation put here because of God's love for humankind.—The grass, the trees, the flowers, the sunsets, starry nights, the wonderful animals, and all the beauty of nature.

All the pleasures of life were put here for our good and enjoyment because Somebody loves us and wants us to be happy, and wants us to love and be loved, and have enough of everything we need. But why, then, is there so much hatred and violence, sadness, suffering, and hardship in the world? Why can't it all be beautiful and good?

God created the world to be that way in the beginning. But we all chose our own way over God's; we chose to be self-serving and reject God's loving rules that were designed for our happiness and flourishing. This has brought sin and suffering into the world, and alienation from our loving Creator.

God wants to save you from sin and suffering, and some day out of it, and even now give you joy, peace, and love—love for Him, love for others, and even love for yourself. He's the giver of all good, the God of love, for He is love (1 John 4:8). Do you know Him?

God sent His own Son—Jesus—to earth as a personification of His love. During Jesus' time on earth, He was rejected, persecuted, and crucified. But He rose again and ascended to heaven to be with His Father. Just think, God's own Son died for you that you might have life everlasting! He died to save you, and He wants you to come to Him and believe in Him.

Jesus wants to enter into a personal relationship with you and become a very real part of your life both here and now and forever in eternity. Just ask Him to come into your heart, this wonderful Somebody who loves you, and He will give you a beautiful new life of love that will last forever.

Dear Jesus, please forgive me for all my sins. I believe that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Please fill me with Your love and Holy Spirit, help me get to know You, and guide me in the way of truth. Help me to love You and love others and live by the words in Your book, the Bible. Amen.

If you've said that prayer with sincerity, Jesus has come into your heart, because He promised to do so. He said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone will open the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

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