

HUMAN SACRIFICE

JOHN 2:13-15

“Human Sacrifice”

John 2:13-22

INTRODUCTION: *The practice of human sacrifice . . .*

I. TO BE HUMAN IS TO BE RELIGIOUS

- A. So say anthropologists
- B. So says St. Paul (Romans 2:15)
- C. So says Martin Luther: *What is a ‘god’?*

II. TO BE HUMAN IS TO BE SEPARATED FROM GOD

- A. We have broken His laws and are separated from Him
- B. We feel it is up to us to do something about it: *a human sacrifice*
- C. People in Jesus’ day felt this need (John 2:13-14)
- D. Jesus rejected human sacrifices (John 2:15-17)

III. TO BE HUMAN IS TO NEED A SAVIOUR

- A. Many people today, in & out of the Church, practice human sacrifice (Proverbs 14:12)
- B. The good news: Jesus is the end of human sacrifice (John 2:18-20)
- C. More good news: Jesus is the sacrifice for us (John 2:20-22)
- D. The days of human sacrifice are over!

CONCLUSION:

Charles Dickens’ *A Tale of Two Cities*: a story of sacrificial love