

Message Notes

A Tale of Two Processionals

Introduction – “What a great day for a wedding!”

Recap Song of Solomon 1:1-3:5
False Intimacy

This week: A Tale of Two Processionals

First Processional, A Royal Wedding!
Song of Solomon 3:6-11

A look at three levels of this passage:
The Wedding
The Marriage Preparation
What this says about us

Who is the “Who” or What is the “What”?
Song of Solomon 3:6a

A Column of Smoke
Song of Solomon 3:6

Declaration

Sixty Warriors
Song of Solomon 3:7-8

Protection

A Lebanese Carriage
Song of Solomon 3:9-10

Investment

A Wedding Crown
Song of Solomon 3:11

Celebration

Second Processional, A Royal Sacrifice
Luke 19:28-40

Declaration – Romans 5:8
Protection – John 10:14-15
Investment - Romans 8:32
Celebration – Zephaniah 3:17

Application - Are you allowing Jesus Christ to fill these four areas so that you can give them to others?

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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SONG OF SOLOMON

DATING. MARRIAGE. SEX. ROMANCE. GOD.

Attraction

Song of Solomon 1:2-4a

³Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes;
your name is like perfume poured out.

No wonder the maidens love you!

⁴Take me away with you – let us hurry!
Let the king bring me into his chambers.

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Song of Solomon 1:9

⁹I liken you, my darling, to a mare
harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh.



*The Proposal, pt 1 -
“Come with me! It’ll be beautiful!”*

Song of Solomon 2:10-13a

¹⁰My lover spoke and said to me,
“Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, and come with me.

¹¹See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.

¹²Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.

¹³The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

The Proposal, pt 2 -

“I deeply desire communion with you”

Song of Solomon 2:13b-14

Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”

¹⁴My dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the hiding places on the mountainside,
show me your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

Her Answer!

Song of Solomon 2:16

¹⁶My lover is mine and I am his;
he browses among the lilies.

A dream of longing

Song of Solomon 3:1-5

¹All night long on my bed
I looked for the one my heart loves;
I looked for him but did not find him....

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Song of Solomon 3:1-5

⁴Scarcely had I passed them
when I found the one my heart loves.
I held him and would not let him go
till I had brought him to my mother's house,
to the room of the one who conceived me.

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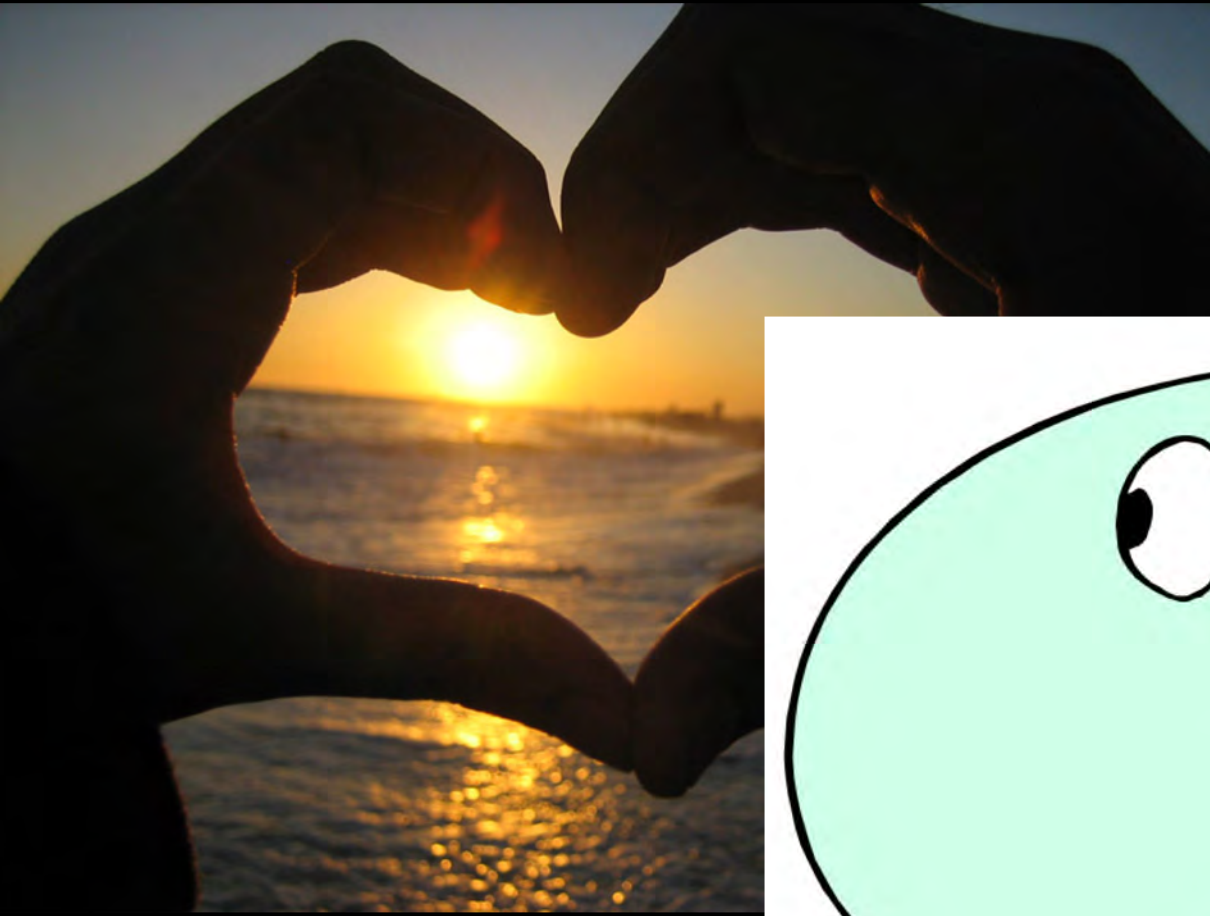
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⁵Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you
by the gazelles and by the does of the field:
Do not arouse or awaken love
until it so desires.

Love



Love or Lust?



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Proverbs 7

¹⁰Then out came a woman to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

¹¹(She is loud and defiant,

her feet never stay at home;

¹²now in the street, now in the squares,
at every corner she lurks.)

¹³She took hold of him and kissed him
and with a brazen face she said:

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¹⁴“I have fellowship offerings at home;
today I fulfilled my vows.

¹⁵So I came out to meet you;
I looked for you and have found you!

¹⁶I have covered my bed
with colored linens from Egypt.

¹⁷I have perfumed my bed
with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

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¹⁸“Come, let’s drink deep of love till morning;
let’s enjoy ourselves with love!

¹⁹My husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey.

²⁰He took his purse filled with money
and will not be home till full moon.”

A look at full blown lust:

Proverbs 7

²¹With persuasive words she led him astray;
she seduced him with her smooth talk.

²²All at once he followed her
like an ox going to the slaughter,
like a deer stepping into a noose

²³till an arrow pierces his liver,
like a bird darting into a snare,
little knowing it will cost him his life.

Love vs. Lust

Very Passionate

Seeks out love

Wants sexual fulfillment

About relationship

Will wait in order to
experience maximum love

God is feared and obeyed

End is life-giving
relationship

Very Passionate

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Demands sexual fulfillment

About release

Obsesses with how soon
release can happen

God is dismissed

End is aloneness and
shame (and worse!)



**FALSE
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Genesis 2:21, 22

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HAYDON, Benjamin Robert *Christ's Entry into Jerusalem*
1814-20 Oil on canvas, 396 x 457 cm, Mount St Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati

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