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I will Manifest Myself

John 14:21

***Theme: Jesus will manifest
Himself to those who love Him.***

A conditional reward

Some expressions of Jesus' love are automatic – High Priestly ministry, sending the Spirit.

Others are conditional – special manifestations of Himself.

The conditions for deeper intimacy with Jesus

- ***loving*** Jesus as described in John 14:21;
- ***having*** His commands;
- ***obeying*** His commands.

Jesus manifesting Himself to His obedient followers

What does *manifest* mean?

- Jesus' resurrection appearances
- Theophany
- Second Advent
- A self-disclosure of Jesus in a spiritual sense

Jesus manifesting Himself

Jesus' self-disclosure takes place:

- in **God's Word** through the enlightening of the Spirit;
- in the **hearts** of His followers through the witness of the indwelling Spirit.

There may be times when Jesus
will disclose Himself in God's Word
and in a Christian's heart in an
exceptionally vivid way.

Blaise Pascal

Dr. Thomas Goodwin

John Wesley

Henry Venn

Charles Simeon

Jonathan Edwards

D L Moody

Occasion of this manifestation?

Generally: when a Christian is walking closely with God.

Specifically: when a Christian is:

- alone and reading Scripture;
- facing a daunting task;
- gathering with other Christians.

Conclusion—One Passion!

*'I have only one passion.
It is He, none but He.'*

Count Nikolas von Zinzendorf
(18th century Pietist & Moravian)

John 14:21

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

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