

## Love Unknown: New Insights from the Cross

**Our Lent Course 2024 will be taken from John Barton's book *Love Unknown* (1990).**

*(See details on the church website as to how to purchase this book)*

### **1. Week One is taken from Chapter One: The Necessary Path**

My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

**Our theme for discussion and reflection will be What if... God suffers, too?**

### **2. Week Two is taken from Chapter Two: The Outsider**

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But oh, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend.

**Our theme will be What if... Jesus is both Insider and Outsider?**

### **3. Week Three is taken from Chapter Three: Time and Chance**

Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

**Our theme will be What if... life is not foreordained?**

**4. Week Four is taken from Chapter Five: Christ Crucified**

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

**Our theme will be What if... true religion is not just being religious?**