

‘Greater love has
no one than this, that
someone lay down his
life for his friends.’

JOHN 15.13

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TITANIC RESCUE



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When the BBC's Antiques Roadshow visited Balmoral Castle, John Henderson brought along a box of medals.

They had been awarded to his grandfather, John Cargill, for gallantry and distinguished service as a seaman during the two World Wars.

But one medal - "The Titanic Medal" - had been given to him because of the part he played while serving as quartermaster on the Cunard liner "Carpathia", the first ship to reach the Titanic after it struck an iceberg and sank in April 1912.

By the time The Carpathia arrived the Titanic had already sunk, so along with other crew members, John Cargill went out in lifeboats to rescue survivors. They pulled several children from the water.

Many years later, when he attended an event reuniting Titanic survivors with their rescuers, John was approached by a woman who, as a little girl, had been one of those rescued from the waves. She just wanted to say "Thank you" because she owed her life to men like him.

Surely that must have meant more to John Cargill than all his medals!

This incident reminds us of a "titanic" rescue by Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, who came to our scene of disaster to rescue us! But he wasn't awarded any medals for for what He did. Instead, men gave Him a crown of thorns; gaping wounds in his hands, feet and side; a torn and bleeding back; and bruises on His face and body.

And, in spite of such hatred, He kept going, to face the darkness of Calvary, where the sun's light failed and the storm of God's wrath against sin broke in all its fury upon Him. We deserve punishment for the wrong things we do, but Jesus offered Himself to God - a sacrifice for sin - to save us from eternal death and give us eternal life!

No medal on earth is enough to say "Thank you" for that! But it will absolutely delight His heart if you say to him today: "I owe you my life. Thank you Jesus, for saving me!"