

Road to Redemption:

Purchased by an Ultimate Sacrifice

John 19

I. The Sacrifice Prescribed

A. Brought by our Sin

Man's sin caused the need for a sacrifice. The death of the lamb was a powerful lesson for them. Sin brings death.

Genesis 2:17 KJV 1900

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

B. A Specific Sacrifice

A Desire to Reconcile

Though the world was in shambles from sin and violence, God was burdened to draw men back unto Himself.

Exodus 33:20 KJV 1900

And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

The Temporary Solution: Animal Sacrifice

Hailing all the way back to the Garden, we see that God instituted the blood sacrifice to provide a covering for Adam and Eve. This blood sacrifice became the requirement to offering a covering for sin. The reality is that no one can live up to the standard of God. We all fall short.

Romans 3:23 KJV 1900

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

The Meaning of the Sacrifice

Animal sacrifice was a deeply symbolic ritual. Blood, representing life, was to be drained from the animal, reminding worshippers of death.

Romans 6:23 KJV 1900

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The way animals were prepared for different types of offerings was also deeply symbolic, as in the case of the "scapegoat," in which one goat was slaughtered and another released into the wild, metaphorically carrying away the sin of Israel (**Leviticus 6:1-34**).

The sprinkling of blood around the Tabernacle (and later the temple) represented life cleansing the death of sin, since blood was a symbol of life (**Leviticus 17:11**).

In His love, God offered a way for His people's sin to be covered over, so that they could approach Him.

In order to avoid their own destruction because of their sin, the Israelites had to offer something innocent to die in their place—in this case, an animal without blemish.

II. The Sacrifice Provided

The reality is that the animal sacrifices that God instituted in the Old Testament were not meant to offer salvation, but to point us to the Lamb of God, the one that truly offers His life as a Sacrifice for all.

A. A Sinless Sacrifice

Hebrews 4:15 KJV 1900

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

John 19:4 KJV 1900

Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

1 Peter 2:22 KJV 1900

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

What a tremendous testimony! Christ was a perfect sacrifice!

B. The Son of God

Christ, our great sacrifice is the Son of God.

Matthew 3:17 KJV 1900

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

John 5:18 KJV 1900

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

John 10:29–30 KJV 1900

My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

I and *my* Father are one.

John 19:7 KJV 1900

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

The Great news is for us today, that Christ is not just another good person, not just a great teacher, but he is God! He alone is eligible to purchase our redemption because He is the Son of God!

C. He Satisfies Prophecy

He was born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 KJV 1900

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, *Though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

Matthew 2:1 KJV 1900

Now when Jesus was born in Beth-lehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14 KJV 1900

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:25 KJV 1900

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

The Messiah would be heir to David's throne

Isaiah 9:7 KJV 1900

Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Romans 1:3 KJV 1900

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

He would be betrayed

Psalms 41:9 KJV 1900

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, Which did eat of my bread, Hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

Matthew 26:14–16 KJV 1900

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

He would be crucified with Criminals

Isaiah 53:12 KJV 1900

Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, And he shall divide the spoil with the strong; Because he hath poured out his soul unto death: And he was numbered with the transgressors; And he bare the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Matthew 27:38 KJV 1900

Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

His bones would not be broken

Psalm 34:20 KJV 1900

He keepeth all his bones: Not one of them is broken.

John 19:33 KJV 1900

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

He would resurrect from the dead

Psalm 49:15 KJV 1900

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: For he shall receive me. Selah.

Matthew 28:2-7

He would be our sacrifice for sin

Isaiah 53: 5-12

Romans 5:6–8 KJV 1900

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Our willful rebellion against God has separated us, He desires to redeem us.

No amount of animal sacrifices would be enough; the blood served as a reminder of the people's endless guilt, the death that would come to them in the contrast between their own sinful nature and the consuming fire of Holiness.

Mankind, deserving of death, **could only be redeemed by the blood of something great enough to cover all humanity, and nothing could be that great but the Divine Himself.**

When Jesus Christ came, He was the perfect sacrifice, without blemish. As the animals offered had to be pure, He was perfect, without sin. And as death was required, someone had to die. The blood of life had to be poured out on the dead, mankind, and the scapegoat had to take on the sin of the people.

Rather than the actions of a cruel, morbid God, the Lord's demand for animal sacrifice pointed the way to Him offering His very own Son as our sacrifice. It was a painful, horrifying slaughter of the Innocent on our behalf, but it was the ultimate gift of a loving God that the sinner might live, made innocent by the blood of a perfect Lamb.

Put your trust in Him today. He wants to redeem you and bring to your life salvation.

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