

Lesson 2: The Lamb on the Cross

Central Point: Jesus, the last Lamb to be sacrificed defeated the enemy

At 9 o'clock on Good Friday morning as the lambs were being prepared for sacrifice, Jesus was nailed to the cross in **Mark 15:25**. The third hour was 9 o'clock in the morning, Jewish time.

- **Please Read: Isaiah 52:13-53:12;**
- These are prophecies describing the horrors of Jesus' crucifixion
- It's wasn't just the physical suffering but His Soul and Spirit affected by sin and death
 - o Matthew 27:46, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- **2 Cor. 5:21**- God not only placed our sin upon Jesus, but made Him sin for us
- **Please Read: Psalms 22:14-22; Hebrews 2:9-18**
- **Question:** "Was there any other way that Salvation could have been bought for us?"
- No, all the Old Covenant prophecies foretold of these events- the ultimate price paid

Luke 22:42-44

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."

When a person is crucified, he pushes himself up by his heel to get more air into his lungs. This act of pushing bruises his heel. Then at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, as the people are singing praises to God that echo throughout the hills of Jerusalem, the lambs are slaughtered. At the same moment, as the shouts of "Hallelujah" and "Praise ye the Lord" ring out on the hill called Calvary, Jesus died. Like the doorpost back in Egypt, the blood of the lamb covered the cross. To perfectly fulfill the Old Covenant not one bone of the "Lamb of God" was broken- **Exodus 12:46; Psalms 34:20; John 19:36**. The entire lamb was consumed being roasted by the judgment fires of God as He became our sin substitute.

- **Please Read: Matthew 27:45-54**
- Jesus took our death, absorbed all of God's wrath for our sin and satisfied God's justice
- The veil that separates in the Temple of God- torn in two – sin the barrier been removed
- Jews, not knowing they were fulfilling prophecy, hurriedly took Jesus' body before 6pm
- The original Passover, nothing left over till the next day- **Exodus 12:10; John 19:31**
- 1 Corinthians 5:7, "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

Hebrews 9:26, "But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Blood and Water

We talked about last week that the Hebrews back in Egypt used a hyssop bush to sprinkle the blood of the lamb on the doorpost. The hyssop bush carries water in its stem. When the blood was applied, water would flow out of the stem and cover the blood. So the entire entrance into the house was actually sealed with blood and water.

When Moses received the Ten Commandments, he took a hyssop bush dipped it into blood and sprinkled it over the stone tablets and all the people. Later, he sprinkled blood over the Tabernacle and all its furnishings used in worship as well as the priest. They were all sealed with blood and water- **Heb. 9**. Then in order to enter the Tabernacle and approach God, the High Priest had to go by way of the blood at the Altar and the water at the laver. There he carried the name of each of the 12 tribes sealed in stone over his heart and on his shoulders.

Then later when the Temple was built, blood drained into basins underneath the Altar. Water flowed through these basins carrying the blood outside the Temple so that the people could see that their sacrifice had been accepted. They saw the blood and water. When Jesus was crucified, they pierced Him in the side and out flowed blood and water.

- **Please Read: John 19:34-37**
- **Question:** "What do you think the significance of the blood and water represents?"
- The blood represents a life given while the water represents a life received
- **Please Read: 1 John 5:6-12**
- Jesus gave His life for the world at the cross, the life of the flesh is in the blood
- We get no benefit from Him giving His life unless we personally receive it for ourselves
- Like all the promises of God are received by His grace and through our faith- **Eph. 2:8-9**
- The blood of Jesus will not save us unless we each appropriate it by faith- **Ro. 10:9-10**

This is what the New Covenant meal is all about. When we partake of it, we are not just remembering a life given, we are celebrating a life received- eternal life. It is God's life and we have received it. This is why communion is to be a time of great joy, praise and worship.

- Communion is a celebration of the Lamb defeating the Serpent
 - o The seed of the woman crushing the head of Satan's authority- **Genesis 3:15**
- The cross is bare! The tomb is empty! Jesus is alive and we are redeemed!
- Jesus publicly destroyed Satan at the cross where He purchased our salvation- **Col. 2:15**
- Had Satan known, he would not have crucified the Lord of Glory- **1 Cor. 2:8**

Death is swallowed up in victory. God has given us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord- **1 Cor. 15:54-58**, the war is over and we won! Yet we live on to fight the good fight of faith and enforce Satan's defeat! **Eph. 1:19-23**. Jesus has placed Satan under our feet- **Luke 10:18-20**.