



1: *The Promised Savior*

Long before Jesus began His ministry & went to the cross, the Hebrew prophets sketched a portrait of the Promised Savior. Today are reminded that people are precious, sin is serious, & God is gracious.

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teachingnotes

Passion comes from the Greek term "*paschō*" - meaning **suffering**. The term is used in Acts 1:3.

Acts 1:3a (NIV) After his **suffering**, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

The Greek term becomes the Latin *passio* which in turn becomes our English - **passion**. Hundreds of years before Jesus suffered, the Hebrew prophets sketched a portrait of **the Promised Savior**.

Love Before Sight

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV) Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, **you believe in Him** and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for **you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls**.

Peter knew Jesus. But Peter's audience, like us, **had not seen Jesus** - yet these people **love Him**.

How can you tell when someone really loves another person? They think about the other person, talk about the other person, look forward to spending time with the other person. These people were willing to face various trials for the One they had never seen, and they looked forward to Jesus' return, because...they **love Him**.

And those believing and loving Jesus **are** - currently **receiving - the salvation of our souls**.

- Our minds ARE being transformed, our lives are being restored. Our thoughts, actions, and words are being made clean, all of which results in **inexpressible and glorious joy** that find only in our unseen Savior...Who will one day be seen!

❓ **Do you LOVE Jesus?** What evidence from your life would demonstrate that?

Predicted Passion

1 Peter 1:10-11 (NIV) Concerning this salvation, **the prophets**, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which **the Spirit of Christ in them** was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

Ancient Prophecies Pointing to The Promised Savior

- **Adam & Eve** sin, recognize their nakedness before God, and **HIDE** from Him - covering up with leaves. God graciously provides a covering for them, made out of animal skins (Gen 3:21). Because they sinned, another living creature had to die to cover their sinfulness.
- **Abraham** is commanded by God to take his son up onto Mount Moriah (current day Jerusalem), and sacrifice him (Gen 22:2). Isaac, not knowing HE was going to be sacrificed, ends up carrying the very wood for the burnt offering - that HE would be sacrificed on (Gen 22:6)! Before they get to the top Isaac says, "The fire and wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham responded and said, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering." (Gen 22:7) As Abraham lifts the knife the angel of Yahweh stops him & points him to a substitute sacrifice within his view...

Genesis 22:13b-14 (LSB) Abraham went and **took the ram** and offered it up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place **Yahweh Will Provide**, as it is said this day, "In the mount of Yahweh it will be provided."

- Over 400 years later, as the Jewish people have become slaves in Egypt, Yahweh calls **Moses** from a burning bush, to speak to Pharaoh to let His people go. After 9 plagues on Egypt, giving evidence of Yahweh's power over all their false gods, Yahweh tells the Hebrew people to prepare to leave Egypt. Each family was to choose an unblemished 1-year old male lamb, slaughter them just after the sun sets - making sure not to break any bones (Ex 12:46), and take the blood of the lamb and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes where they eat the lamb that evening (Ex 12:3-7).

Later that night, Yahweh killed all the firstborn in Egypt, people & animals (Ex 12:29-30), BUT...**Yahweh would PASSOVER** any home with the blood of the lambs on the doorframe (Ex 12:13).

- 🕒 The blood of the lambs did 2 things: 1) protected them from Yahweh's wrath 2) released them from bondage - as they were set free that next day. Notice: an unblemished male animal had to die on behalf of the people.
- On **Yom Kippur** (*the Day of Atonement*), NONE of the sacrificed animals were to be eaten. First, 1 bull was sacrificed for the sins of the high priest & his family. The high priest alone, ON THIS ONE DAY ALONE, would enter into the Most Holy Place and take blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger - seven times on the mercy seat - the place between the 2 angels - the place representing the throne of Yahweh.

Next, back outside, the 2 goats were brought before the priests casting lots to determine which goat was chosen to be sacrificed for the rest of the Hebrew people. This goat would be slaughtered and its **blood** would be taken INTO the Most Holy Place & sprinkled on the Ark of the Covenant by the high priest - making atonement for sins of the people (Lev 16:27a).

The high priest would lay both his hands on the head of **the live goat**, and then "confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. The goat was sent away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task (Lev 16:21-22). This was known as...**the scapegoat**. The sins of the people were placed on him, and he was sent far off into the wilderness - NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN!

Next, instead of offering/grilling the body of the bull or goat on the altar like other sacrifices, the **bodies** of these sacrificial substitutes were taken away from the tabernacle/temple and OUTSIDE the Hebrew camp to be burned (Lev 16:27b). Finally, all who touched the sacrifices, the bull or the goats, would take a bath, put on clean clothes and return - a picture of being CLEAN - forgiven!

WHY ALL THIS?

People are Precious, Sin is Serious, & God is Gracious.

Family tree of the Promised Savior

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV) For **to us a child is born**, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And **he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Birthplace of the Promised Savior

Matthew 2:5-6 (NIV) "In **Bethlehem** in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: " 'But you, **Bethlehem**, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; **for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.**" [Micah 5:2]

Ministry of the Promised Savior

Isaiah 35:4-6 (NIV) say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; **your God will come**, He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution **He will come to save you.**" Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Suffering of the Promised Savior

Isaiah 53:3-4 (NIV) He was **despised and rejected by mankind**, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and **bore our suffering**, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and **by his wounds we are healed**. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and **the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all**.

The Promised Savior would be pierced, crushed, & wounded - for the sin of others! He would be the substitute sacrifice that the thousands of animal sacrifices had been pointing to all this time! His blood would be spilt and offered before Yahweh God to bring **PEACE** between God and mankind. Like the scapegoat, the sin of the people was **laid on Him** - carried off by Him & **NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN!**

Death of the Promised Savior

Isaiah 53:7-8 (NIV) He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For **he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.**

He would be mistreated and **led like a lamb to the slaughter**, yet...He would **not open His mouth** to defend Himself. Finally, he would be **cut off from the land of the living**.

He would DIE. WHY?

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All these sacrifices actually pointed to the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE of **The Promised Savior**.

Of course, you know WHO it is don't you? This is the Lord Jesus, who GAVE HIS LIFE - to pay for your sin, because...

People are Precious, Sin is Serious, & God is Gracious.

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

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discussionquestions

Take some time to discuss these questions with your family, friends, or group.

1. Have you ever thought about Adam & Eve, Abraham & Isaac, or the Passover lambs as being pictures of what was to come - a SUBSTITUTE the would have to die in our place to cover our sin? Explain your answer.
2. Why do you think all the sacrifices were so bloody? How does this speak to the SERIOUSNESS of our SIN before God?
3. What do the sacrifices of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) tell us about God's graciousness to be willing to forgive? What did you think about the sacrifice of 1 goat, and confessing the sin of the people to send the scapegoat out - never to be seen again? (Leader Note: Be familiar with sacrifices on Yom Kippur - [Lev 16](#))
4. How does knowing that Jesus fulfills prophecies of 1) being in King David's family ([Is 9:6-7](#)), 2) being born in Bethlehem ([Micah 5:2](#)), and 3) doing the miracles of the Promised Savior ([Is 35:44-6](#)) give you confidence that JESUS is The Promised Savior?
5. Which of the **prophecies** about **The Promised Savior** in [Isaiah 53](#) stood out to you the most & why (Leaders Note: Be familiar with [Isaiah 53](#))?
6. Take a moment to discuss how the sacrifice of Jesus shows that: People are Precious, Sin is Serious, & God is Gracious.
7. Share any 'aha' moments in today's study - what you learned or how you were challenged. What's God want YOU to do with what we studied today?
8. How can we pray for you? (Leaders: Share your desire to talk with any individual student who needs time to ask questions or talk further)