

JESUS

CHAPTER FIVE | *STARTING POINT*

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?

- What do we do with **GUILT** and **SHAME**?
 - BURY IT: “nobody’s perfect!”
 - EXCUSE IT: I was...young, drunk, angry, lonely, broke, naive
 - MEDICATE IT: work, alcohol, busyness, performance
- The cloud of guilt and shame still remains

FORGIVENESS

- Is there a way to forgive myself so that these feelings leave?
- Maybe I can clean up my act and even the score?
 - *I owed it to my kids, spouse, friends to be a better person*
 - *I owed it to myself*
- You inherently know that you should pay for your mistake. And you keep trying to pay, but you can't.

THE SOLUTION

- As you think through your adult starting point please consider this one, "could that really be true," thought:

Every faith tradition offers a solution...but only one person ever offered HIMSELF as the solution

PAVING THE WAY

“All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John.”

- MARK 1:5A

- All four gospels, the ancient historian Josephus, and even Mohammad in the Qur'an talk about John the baptist!
- Everyone wants to know who this guy is! John is preaching repentance (turn from sin and move in a new direction!), and people's hearts are moved

THE LAMB OF GOD

“26 John told them, ‘I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize. 27 Though his ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal.’ - **JOHN 1:26-27**

“Look!...

...the Lamb of God

...who takes away

...the sin of the world!” - **JOHN 1:29**

- Do you think they had any idea what John was talking about? A person is going to cover the sin of the whole world?

THE PASSOVER

- From now on, when you celebrate Passover, don't do it in remembrance of the blood of a lamb over a door for the sake of God rescuing Israel from slavery in Egypt
- Do it in remembrance of me ...

“19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ 20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.’”

- LUKE 22:19-20

HE LIFTS UP & CARRIES AWAY

20 YEARS LATER...

- “...He forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and *took it away* by nailing it to the cross.”

- **COLOSSIANS 2:13B-14**

- What can wash away my sin? Nothing but... the blood of your savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

FORGIVENESS

- You do not have to forgive yourself. Yourself has already been forgiven.
- God isn't asking you to DO something, but to TRUST and BELIEVE Someone
- So what do you do when memories and feelings return? – You build new mental memorials!