

# It is finished

## **Intro:**

Lk 1:5-20

What is so significant here?

An ordinary priest on an ordinary day...

Not at mercy seat but outside the veil outside the Holy of Holies and yet God spoke...and then Zach Silenced.

## **Problem:**

Jn 18:12-13, 24, 28

If Lev is a prophetic picture of the gospel - Lev 16 is the capstone...and yet

Jesus did not come on that day

The day that gave Israel confidence their sacrifices were accepted, that God was in fellowship with them...He wasn't. Zachariah's son called the faithful out of the temple to the wilderness to be baptized...

He did not come to that priest

Ciaphas the current high priest is the one who accused Jesus of blaspheme. He is the one who sent Jesus to Pilate.

Day of atonement not really mentioned in NT because the fulfillment of the day had come...Ciaphas the current high priest is not mentioned because the true high priest had come

Leviticus 16 points to its significance

## **Main Idea:**

He came to be our Priest

He came to be our propitiation

He came to be our proof

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## **Implication:**

if this ritual was meant to bring confidence - yet it was repeated over and over - how much more confidence for us?

## **Application:**

God is for you not against you

Do you believe this?

## **Notes:**

Leviticus 16:8: Azazel. The Hebrew word translated "scapegoat" is azazel. This translation results in dividing the Hebrew word into two words—an unlikely solution. Since verse 8 identifies one goat as "for Yahweh" and the other goat as "for Azazel," it is most consistent to consider Azazel a proper name, probably of a demon. Early Jewish interpreters had this understanding, as is demonstrated in the book of Enoch (second century b.c.). This goat is not sacrificed to Azazel (consistent with 17:7) but released "to Azazel" (v. 26). Babylonians believed in alu-demons that lived in deserted wasteland, and this may be a similar concept. In Ebla tablets there is a purification rite for a mausoleum using a goat which is then released into the steppe country.

## **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/42-3/zacharias-the-righteous-priest>

<https://www.ligonier.org/posts/jesus-christ-our-true-mercy-seat>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-High-Priest.html>

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Text:

## He came to be our Priest

Leviticus 16:1 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died,  
Leviticus 16:2 and the LORD said to Moses, "**Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die.** For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.  
Leviticus 16:3 **But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place:** with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.  
Leviticus 16:4 He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.  
Leviticus 16:5 And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.  
Leviticus 16:6 ¶ "**Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house.**  
Leviticus 16:7 Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting.  
Leviticus 16:8 And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel.  
Leviticus 16:9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering,  
Leviticus 16:10 but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.  
*lev 10:1-5 (temple defiled by unclean priests.)*  
*ex 30:9-10 (Repeated every year...)*  
*heb 9:1-10:10 (a shadow a reminder a prophetic picture of need and provision)*  
*Lk 24:24-27, 44-48 (this picture was meant to be fulfilled - can you see it)*

## He came to be our propitiation

Leviticus 16:11 ¶ "Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself.  
Leviticus 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil  
Leviticus 16:13 and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die.  
Leviticus 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.  
Leviticus 16:15 ¶ "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.  
Leviticus 16:16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.  
Leviticus 16:17 No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.  
Leviticus 16:18 Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around.  
Leviticus 16:19 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.  
Leviticus 16:20 ¶ "And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat.  
Leviticus 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.  
Leviticus 16:22 The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.  
*heb 2:14-17 (mercy seat literally place of propitiation in LXX)*  
*rom 3:20-25 (paid in full)*  
*1jn 4:9-10, 16-19 (how can you believe it?)*

## He came to be our proof

Leviticus 16:23 ¶ "Then Aaron shall **come into the tent of meeting and shall take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy Place and shall leave them there.**  
Leviticus 16:24 And he shall bathe his body in water in a holy place and put on his garments **and come out** and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people.  
Leviticus 16:25 And the fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar.  
Leviticus 16:26 And he who lets the goat go to Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and **afterward he may come into the camp.**  
Leviticus 16:27 And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire.  
Leviticus 16:28 And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and **afterward he may come into the camp.**  
*ex 25:17-22 (from the holy of holies into the holy place - paint the full picture - left mercy seat...)*  
*ex 26:31-33 (but only the high priest could see...4 inches thick)*  
*lk 23:45 (open for all to see)*  
*Jn 20:1-17 (and what did they see...the true mercy seat - empty fulfilled - not just that-linen left)*

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Leviticus 16:29 ¶ "**And it shall be a statute to you forever** that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.  
Leviticus 16:30 For on this day shall **atonement** be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins.  
Leviticus 16:31 It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever.  
Leviticus 16:32 And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make **atonement**, wearing the holy linen garments.  
Leviticus 16:33 He shall make **atonement** for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make **atonement** for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make **atonement** for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.  
Leviticus 16:34 **And this shall be a statute forever for you,** that **atonement** may be made for the people of Israel **once in the year because of all their sins.**"  
And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.  
*jn 19:28-30 (it is finished)*  
*heb 10:11-25; 4:14-16 (if this ritual was meant to bring confidence - yet it was repeated over and over - how much more confidence for us?)*  
*rom 8:1-4, 31-39 (God is for you not against you - this is where our confidence comes from)*