

Jesus the Scapegoat

Palm Sunday

Leviticus 16

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We can have a greater appreciation for Jesus when we understand...

- 1. Jesus became the “sacrificial goat” that was sacrificed so that God’s wrath could be appeased towards us. Justice was served. (Romans 5:8-9)**

- 2. Jesus became the “scapegoat” that removed our sins once and for all. (Colossians 1:21-22)**

“The cross makes it possible for God to accept us fully without compromising his holiness. The cross allows us to be accepted, not based on what we’ve done but based on what Christ has done. The cross allows sinners to be declared righteous! Christ covers us, so that as God looks on us he sees the perfect righteousness of Christ that’s been given to our account.”

Paul David Tripp, *Whiter Than Snow*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2008, p. 139.

“There’s no sin too great, there’s no act too heinous, and there’s no person beyond hope. The offer is open and free. There’s no requirement of age, gender, ethnicity, location, or position. God welcomes you to come, He asks only that you admit your sin and seek what can be found only in him— forgiveness. He is able, he is willing, and with grace that we will maybe never be able to fully grasp, he says, ‘Come.’”

Paul David Tripp, *Whiter Than Snow*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2008, p. 136.

COMMUNION



WHAT IS IT?

Communion is a visible representation of the Good News of the death of Christ for our sins. It reminds us of Christ's death and the glorious hope of His return. The bread and wine symbolize Christ's Body and blood.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All who trust in Jesus Christ and Him alone for forgiveness of their sins are welcome to participate, regardless of church affiliation.

If this is not a step you have taken, here is the path to becoming a Christian.

- Romans 3:23 Admit you are a sinner.
- Romans 6:23 Recognize the penalty for your sin is death.
- Romans 5:8 Jesus Christ died for you.
- Romans 10:9-10 To be forgiven for your sins, you must believe and confess that Jesus was God who died for your sins and He is Lord.
- John 14:6 Salvation comes through Jesus Christ and Him alone.

HOW WILL YOU BE SERVED?

Ushers will serve you both the bread and cup while you are seated. Wait to partake of the bread and juice until the pastor leading the service indicates that it is time to partake.

