
Journey Through the Bible- Week 7

3/22/26

MESSAGE NOTES

Jesus - **Payment**

A New Covenant Promised

"The day is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and Judah. This **covenant** will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife," says the Lord. "But this is the **new covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after those days," says the Lord. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their **hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NLT)

Four Hundred Years of Silence

The Birth of The King

John the Baptist - The Voice Returns

In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was "**Repent** of your **sins** and **turn** to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near. The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the **Lord's coming!** Clear the road for him!'" Matthew 3:1-2 (NLT)

"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 (NLT)

Why The Lamb Matters

Passover: Suspended Judgment

The cross of Jesus is the payment.

Why A Payment Was Necessary

"For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23 (NLT)

For everyone has **sinned**; we all **fall short** of God's glorious **standard**. Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For the **sin** of this one man, **Adam**, caused **death** to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of **righteousness** for **all** who receive it will live in **triumph over sin and death** through this one man, **Jesus Christ**. Romans 5:17 (NLT)

The Payment is Final & Complete

For that **old system** deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a **better system** could be established. Hebrews 9:10 (NLT)

So Christ has now become the **High Priest** over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. Hebrews 9:11 (NLT)

With **his own blood**—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our **redemption forever**. Hebrews 9:12 (NLT)

Redemption = the theme of the entire Bible

Jesus is the Perfect Sacrifice

Payment never has to be made again

Salvation is secure through faith

The Rejection of The King

Wearing a cross in the first century would be like wearing a gold-plated electric chair today. - C.S. Lewis

But Christ has **rescued** us from the **curse** pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the **cross**, he took upon himself the curse for our **wrongdoing**. For it is written in the Scriptures, "**Cursed** is everyone who is hung on a tree." Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

Jesus Becomes the Curse to **Redeem** Us