

HOLY WEEK 2022

JESUS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

What is the most significant sacrifice you have ever made?

Typically, when we give sacrificially to someone or to some endeavor, we give from our excess. We sacrifice a little of our extra time. We sacrificially give from our savings. We may even sacrifice our relationships or our peace for a brief period of time. Even after we make a sacrifice, we expect some reward or gain afterwards. The extent of our sacrifice reveals our level of commitment. The more we are willing to sacrifice exposes how much the recipient means to us.

God sacrificed His most precious thing for those He loves the most with no expectations and with no guarantee of repayment. We can be confident and certain of God's commitment to His people by evaluating His sacrifice to us: Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the ultimate and perfect sacrifice.

Before Jesus, the priests of the Old Testament would accept the blood of an innocent and unblemished animal to pay the penalty for the sins of the people (Leviticus 22:17-25). God required blood be shed to remind people that any sin required the death penalty (Romans 6:23). This animal would temporarily take the place of the sinner's required death. The blood sacrifice would symbolically remove the sin, and God would forgive the sinner for that one, specific sin (Hebrews 9:22). Try to imagine that scene in your own life.

With every lie, every unholy thought, every act of anger, pride, or jealousy, you have to stop everything you are doing. You have to select one of your innocent, unblemished, perfect animals. You have to walk to the priest at the tabernacle to have the animal slain in order to be forgiven. Each and every single time.

Imagine all the blood that would be shed on your behalf in one day, one week, much less your entire life.

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. (Hebrews 9:12 KJV)

The words spoken by Jesus on the cross, "It is finished" were a cry of victory, not defeat. The death of Jesus was the beginning of a new covenant for all who believed in Him. No longer would the blood of innocent lambs be sacrificed for sin as required by the Mosaic Law. The Father made a better way by sending Jesus into the world to make a one-time sacrifice through the shedding of His blood. Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world and became the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sin debt was settled, and reconciliation to God was made possible. Jesus laid down His life willingly, offering humanity the gift of eternal life.

The Resurrection proved that Jesus was the Son of God, who was sent by the Father to die for our sins. (John 3:16). Because Christ rose from the dead, we have the assurance that our salvation is secure. Let us rejoice that we worship a risen Savior who is alive today.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday | 12 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 7PM

Sunday: The Blood - Access, Communion with God, Draws Nigh Hebrews 10:19 | Matthew 26:28 | Luke 22:20 | Ephesians 2:12-13

Monday: The Blood – Cleanses, Washes, Purges Isaiah 1:18 | 1 John 1:7 | Revelation 1:5 | Hebrews 9:14

Tuesday: The Blood – Forgives, Justifies, Reconciles Ephesians 1:7 | Romans 5:9 | Romans 3:24-25 | Colossians 1:20

Wednesday: The Blood – Saves, Redeems, Heals Romans 5:9 | Colossians 1:14 | Revelation 5:9 | Isaiah 53:5

(Make a list of all your family members, friends, neighbors, schoolmates, and coworkers who are unsaved and in need of healing).

Thursday: The Blood – Sanctifies, Made Righteous, Spiritually Alive Hebrews 13:12 | Romans 5:17 | 2 Corinthians 5:21 | John 6:53

Friday: The Blood – Provides Victory and Authority over the Devil Revelation 12:11 | 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 | Hebrews 10:12 | 1 John 5:4

Saturday: The Blood – Protection, Peace, Purchases Exodus 12:13 | Colossians 1:20 | Hebrews 13:20 | Acts 20:28

FASTING GUIDELINES

OPTION 1

3 Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

What to eat:

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Wholegrains
- Legumes
- Water, 100% Juice, Herbal Tea (Caffeine Free), Almond or Soy Milk (Unsweetened)

What not to eat:

- Meat
- Breads
- Dairy
- Sweets and desserts
- Fried Foods
- Coffee, Carbonated and energy drinks

OPTION 2

Liquid only fast from 6:00a - 6:00p. One meal (excluding sweets) after 6:00p.

ENTERTAINMENT

Limit TV, shopping, cell phone activity, social media, video games, and social activities.

Spend as much time as you can, reading and studying God's Word, Praying, Worshipping and Listening to what God is speaking to YOU! If you mess up, don't get discouraged. Just get right back on track and keep going. God's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). He wants you to finish, and He will give you the grace and strength to do it!

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week is a string of eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the shift in humanity Jesus' sacrifice on the cross launched. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection. This is the basis of Christianity, His sacrifice launched the New Covenant God promised and many had prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Each day of Holy Week allows us to peek into the heart of our Savior at an intently close proximity. His love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection.

How Holy Week Leads to Easter Sunday

Though Jesus didn't walk the earth incarnate until He was born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph, He exists and works throughout the entirety of the Bible. Scripture assures us that He was present at Creation with the Father, that He is the Word, and many prophesies were specifically fulfilled during this final, holy week of Jesus' life on earth. Each Gospel has a narrative of the last week of Jesus' life (Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-21).

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. During this one week, many biblical prophesies were fulfilled. Jesus came to earth to save humanity by dying on the cross on Good Friday and resurrecting on Easter Sunday. By enduring and defeating death sacrificially for us, He swung open the gates of heaven making a way for our sin to be forgiven and usher us into the presence of God (Romans 5:8).

"IT IS DURING HOLY WEEK THAT WE SEE MOST PROFOUNDLY HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE IS FOR US."

Due to the sinful nature of humanity as a result of Adam and Eve's fall in the garden of Eden, it's impossible for us to be "good enough" to be in the presence of God and forgiven for our sins. Jesus died to make the way for salvation. The Old Testament Law offered many sacrifices to God, but Jesus was the perfect atoning sacrifice once and for all. He endured the cross out of His great love for us. Holy Week is a sacred opportunity to study the foundation of Christianity. Our God is not one of coincidence. Every step toward the cross was intentional, every lesson laced with His personal love for all of us.

PLEAD THE BLOOD OF JESUS OVER

Pastors

Our pastors operate in integrity according to the Word of God and submit themselves completely to God's word and leadings.

Churches

Our churches grow and are effective for the kingdom of God and we call every person to our church that belongs to our church.

Country and Leaders

Our President, Vice President, all elected and appointed officials, mayors and governors, police officers, firefighters, teachers and our supervisors and business partners, bind the Spirit of Compromise, Deception and Un-repentance from their lives.

Families

Our families are free from offense, poverty, lack, unforgiveness and satanic attack.

Children

Our children are godly children and we raise them in the honor of the Lord and His principles. We declare they are safe and secure and bind the devil from their minds, bodies, and souls. No weapon formed against them will prosper.

Husbands and Wives

We walk in unconditional love towards our husbands and wives and plant seeds of honor, respect, affection and consideration and receive a 100-fold harvest on all the good seeds sown in their lives.

Relationships

Our relationships are whole, and we walk in unconditional love towards all those that we are in relationship with.

Bodies

Our bodies are whole by the stripes of Jesus and no sickness or disease has the right to touch our bodies.

Finances

We prosper in all we do, and money comes to us freely because we are blessed.

Businesses & Jobs

We prosper in our jobs and businesses and are blessed to be a blessing.

Possessions

Everything we own functions in the perfection in which it was created to function in.

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