

## Devotion #7, Jesus the Sacrifice

Throughout the season we have learned many truths about Jesus. First, we learned that he was a real historical hero. There was evidence, interviews, and records that Jesus came onto this earth and performed miracles, healed the sick, and died on a cross and rose again for the sins of the world. Next, we learned that Jesus was part of creating the world. Peter, his disciple, realized that Jesus was not just a great master, but was the God of the universe. Creation submits to him. Third, we learned that Jesus is the great comforter. If Jesus cares about mere birds, don't you think he cares about you? You can run to him with anything. Fourth, we learned that Jesus is God. When he claims to be "I am", he is claiming to be God. He has to be God in order to save the world. Last week we learned Jesus is also human. He hurts and feels pain like you and I hurt and feel pain. He understands any situation you are going through.

Jesus came to this earth for one major purpose: to save and redeem a broken world. When Adam and Eve sinned, evil spread throughout the world like a disease. Unlike COVID-19 where millions are infected around the world, with sin, everyone on earth is infected. There was only one solution- a perfect sacrifice had to be made. A perfect, innocent, and willing individual had to take the sins that belonged to man and put those sins on himself. He had to become the sin that belonged to the world. There was only one who could do this- Jesus.

Romans 5:6-8 reads, "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." 2 Corinthians 5: 21 reads, "He made him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

He paid the price for your sins. He became sin, so that you might be free from sin and belong to Jesus. When you die, you will stand before God and will be asked to account for your sins. What will you say? Some will say, "I was a good person." Others will say, "I tried really hard to make the right choices." None of those will do. Those answers will lead to judgement and hell. There is only one hope and he is Jesus. If you give your life to Jesus and trust in him, he will stand in between you and God, for he has taken the punishment that belonged to you.

Jesus did not stay in the grave. He rose. Death could not conquer him. Jesus defeated sin. Right now, some of you are dead in your sins and need to be resurrected. Jesus can bring you new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 reads, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!"

### Questions:

1. If you were to die today and stand before the judge, how would you respond to the question, "Why should I let you into my kingdom?"
2. Are you a new creation? Have you seen change in your life? Has God brought you from death to life?
3. If there is anyone here that would like to know how to give your life to Jesus, please talk to me after this devotion. I would love to tell you more about Jesus.
4. **Devotional leaders- Please pray for the group before you end.**