

# THE SUNDAY RECAP

SONGS, LITURGY, AND SERMON NOTES FROM SUNDAY

AND A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK

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The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday and a quick look at next Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week long and prepare for the upcoming Sunday. Enjoy!

## SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What was God teaching us through the sacrifice of an animal in the Old Testament?
- What is the good news of “substitution”?
- ***Take a moment*** to consider not “the sins of the world” but just your sins, all of them, past, present, and future... ones you are aware of, and ones you aren't... all of the things you should do but haven't and all the things you shouldn't do but have... imagine how big that pile of sin is. Imagine Jesus taking those upon himself at the cross, receiving God's wrath for your sins and looking at you with compassion as He says to the Father- “Father forgive them...” Rehearse that picture often. May it stir your heart's affections for Jesus.

## QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

See the [NEW CITY CATECHISM](#) app for great questions to review with your children to help them understand Christian Theology.

- Do you need Jesus to die for you? Why or why not?
- Question 19 from the New City Catechism:
  - Q:** Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?
  - A:** Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

## SUGGESTED RESOURCES

ESV Bible App: download at [iTunes](#) or for [Android](#)

Kids Bible: [Big Picture Story Bible](#) by David Helm

Article: [Jesus Christ: Lamb of God](#) by R.C. Sproul

Podcast: [Behold the Lamb](#) White Horse Inn

Books: [Seeing Christ in All of Scripture](#) by Westminster Theological Seminary

## **SONGS WE SANG** \*Check out our Spotify playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>

[Steadfast](#) by Sandra McCracken

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#) by Michael W Smith

[You Have Redeemed My Soul](#) by Page CXVI

[Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace](#) by Red Mountain Music

[Alive in You](#) by Jesus Culture

## **READINGS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary;

come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

**C: Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.**

L: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace

to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The story of the gospel is that of God seeking out sinners and making peace with them in our savior Jesus Christ. Now as his ambassadors we have the opportunity to extend that peace to one another. So find a sinner nearby (it shouldn't take long) and extend a greeting of peace to them. ;)

### **WORD OF ASSURANCE**

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. -1 Corinthians 6:11

### **BENEDICTION**

May God himself,

the God who makes everything holy and whole,

make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable.

If he said it, he'll do it!

[summary of 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24]

Peace be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

## **SERMON NOTES**

THE STORY OF THE LAMB - Exodus 12

***SERMON SUMMARY: We are saved through God's judgement upon the Lamb***

### Getting from Genesis 45 - the book of Exodus

Last week we looked at Genesis 37-45 and the account of Joseph, who was sold by his brothers and wound up in Egypt, rose to power there, brought his brothers back there to live in the land of plenty. Well, Jacob their father dies, and then at the age of 110 Joseph dies. That's the end of the book of GENESIS. The very next book is called Exodus and as that book opens see that the descendants of Jacob are many and mighty.

The people of Israel increase greatly (Exodus 1:7) and the new King of Egypt sees them as a threat and decides to treat them harshly and make them slaves so they don't overtake the Egyptians (Exodus 1:9-14).

NOTE: So much for being in the "promise land". I guess Egypt isn't the promise land after all. Must be another promise land (better even than Egypt) brought by another deliverer (an even better deliverer than Joseph) that we should look for.

God calls a guy named Moses to be his mouthpiece to speak to Pharaoh and tell him to let the Israelites out of bondage and free them to leave Egypt. But God will harden Pharaoh's heart so that he won't listen and then God will deliver His people through the judgement of the Egyptians (Exodus 7:1-7).

God brings 9 plagues on the land and people of Egypt and then we come to the final plague in Exodus 11 - the killing of every firstborn son (Exodus 11:4-8). God gives instructions for Moses and Aaron (his brother) to pass along to the Israelites - kill a lamb, eat it together as a family, and wipe the blood on your doorposts and God will "pass over" that house and not kill the firstborn (Exodus 12:1-12).

Without an understanding of the Bible as ONE STORY centering on JESUS CHRIST we might miss the true meaning here. If we follow a thread through the whole Bible we can see something called the Story of the Lamb with four (4) chapters, and maybe a prelude.

### *PRELUDE*

Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them...

### *STORY OF THE LAMB CHAPTER 1*

Abraham & Isaac

Genesis 22:1-2

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

This is a bizarre instruction from God. Why doesn't Abraham revolt or why is he not more confused at the request of God? Remember that what Abraham has is a word from God to make his descendants a blessing (Genesis 12:1-3). Those descendants would come through this, his only son. Abraham must be confused, but he is holding on to that promise.

Isaac (the son) asks Abraham- - Father, the wood, the fire, the knife.. where's the lamb? (Gen 22:8).

Abraham assures his son, "God will provide a lamb."

Abraham is stopped by the angel of the Lord and told not to harm the child. He lifts his eyes and sees a ram caught in the thicket, that will be their sacrifice.

And his son is saved. Saved how? Saved by the sacrifice of another. Saved by the blood of the lamb. AND MORE THAN THAT- THE NATION OF ISRAEL IS SAVED- for they would come through Isaac. He is the seed of God's people. Isaac was their representative.

## *CHAPTER 2 of THE STORY OF THE LAMB*

Passover (Exodus ch.12)

Four principles we see:

1) EQUALITY - The Destroyer no respecter of persons (Exodus 12:29)

EQUALITY TELLS US: No matter: religion, social status, family of origin, race, ethnicity, or amount of good works, there's nothing you can do to save yourself from the coming judgement

2) DEBT

WE ALL NEED A SACRIFICE FOR US. We all have a debt to pay. If you think you start life at moral 0 and then stay in the black if you do well and go into the red if you don't you have a different understanding from the scriptures

3) SUBSTITUTION

In every house there was either a dead son or dead lamb. The lamb got what the son deserved. But there is good news with Substitution - Just as the guilt can be transferred to one as in the family, so the payment can be transferred to one.

4) PROMISE

God had made a promise to Abraham for a future through his son. God has also promised us a future through His Son. A promise to save us and not hold our sins against us. Though our sins are like scarlet, he's promised to make us white as snow. He's promised us a place with Him forever!

## *STORY OF THE LAMB CH.3*

Jesus on night of betrayal asks his disciples to get together and celebrate THE PASSOVER MEAL TOGETHER. Jesus plays the role of the presider at the passover meal, but when he does there are two things that would have been shocking to the disciples:

1) WHAT HE SAID - Expect to hear "This is the bread of our affliction, our ancestors suffered in the wilderness so we could be free." Instead he stands up, grabs the bread and says... "This is my body". What's he saying? He is saying "I am going to suffer! To free you from sin and death itself. Its MY suffering that's going to be the ultimate liberation for you.

2) WHAT HE DID - Three things at Passover meal - bread, wine, the lamb. Where's the lamb? There is no lamb ON the table - Because the lamb was standing at the table. All the other lambs and sacrifices of the OT were place holders until the real sacrifice arrived. That's me.

## *STORY OF THE LAMB CH.4*

Revelation: Lamb on the throne

Revelation 5:6 - And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,  
Revelation 22:3 - No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

THE SLAIN LAMB in the only place he belongs - ON THE THRONE. For He is our sacrifice. He won our freedom and under HIS blood we receive pardon and grace.

Romans 3:22–25

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

### **SERMON SUMMARY: We are saved through God's judgement upon the Lamb**

As the Israelites leave Egypt after the passover, they head into 40 years of wandering around the wilderness before they reach their next "promise land". You know what an Israelite would have said if you stopped him in the wilderness and asked who are you and what are you doing?

*"I'm an alien in a foreign land and I've taken shelter under the blood of the lamb I deserved death and Couldn't save myself, but I was saved. I was delivered, and now God in our midst, even tho we're wandering in the wilderness He's taking me to the promise land*

*Isn't that what we say as well? If someones asks what we are doing here we should say:*

*"We're aliens in a foreign land. We've taken shelter under the blood of the lamb We deserve death and We couldn't save ourselves, but we have been saved. We've been delivered and now God is in our midst. Even though it feels like we're wandering in the wilderness He's taking us to the promise land"*

## PREPARE FOR SUNDAY

To help you prepare your heart and mind for this Sunday, we encourage you to read the scripture & readings and listen to the songs we'll be singing this Sunday. May God prepare our hearts to hear what He has to say to us.

### **READINGS**

#### ***CALL TO WORSHIP***

L: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**C: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

L: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

**C: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

L: Come now, all who thirst,

**C: and drink the water of life.**

L: Come now, all who hunger,

**C: and be filled with good things.**

L: Come now, all who seek,

**C: and be warmed by the fire of love.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

L: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow;  
you command, but we do not obey,  
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

**C: Please forgive and help us.**

L: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;  
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

**C: Please forgive and help us.**

L: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,  
but we still insist on our own;  
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is  
happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all,  
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**C: Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE***

As those who are grateful for the peace we experience with God through Jesus Christ, let us also enjoy  
the peace we have with each other. Take a moment to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

***WORD OF ASSURANCE***

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins  
is proclaimed to you.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the  
riches of his grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

***BENEDICTION***

L: As you leave here today,  
may you know the hope to which God has called you,  
experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,  
and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 1:18-19

Peace be with you all!

**C: And Also with you!**