

Witnessing to a Jewish Friend

Here's a short Jewish history test. You remember the Garden of Eden? Adam and Eve ate the fruit. They sinned. Do you remember what God did? He killed an animal and covered them up so that they wouldn't be naked. Genesis 3 talks about this. God did this to cover up their shame.

Do you remember the story about Passover? What happens at Passover? How did the firstborn children get spared? The death angel was going to come. The plague was going to come. They marked their doors with lamb's blood so that death would pass over them.

Do you remember when Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac? Abraham was willing to do it but instead God provided a ram for him to sacrifice instead.

On the Day of Atonement what happens? Yom Kippur? You ask for forgiveness right? But if you remember in the Bible in Leviticus 1-7 they would sacrifice a lamb. They would place their hands on the lamb to transfer sins to the lamb and then they would kill the lamb. The blood for the covering, not forgiveness, but the covering of sin.

Do you see kind of a thread here? A sacrifice for shame and sin. A sacrifice to spare the son's life. A sacrifice so the death angel would pass over. A sacrifice of a lamb so sins could be covered. Then in Isaiah 53 the prophet talks about that somebody will come like a lamb to the slaughter, keeping his mouth silent, spotless, blameless. He would be killed for the forgiveness of sins. Can you notice the shadowy picture throughout the Bible of a lamb sacrifice?

Then there is this fellow in the New Testament named John the Baptist when he saw Jesus he said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". All of those shadowy pictures in the Old Testament reflect the picture of Jesus Christ who was sacrificed for the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus Christ is our lamb sacrifice. He is the reason that our sins can be forgiven once and for all. There is no need of a continual sacrifice. He did away with sin and death when He died on the cross and rose from the dead. The Bible tells us that "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins." So, how are your sins going to be forgiven? What are you going to tell God on Judgment Day?