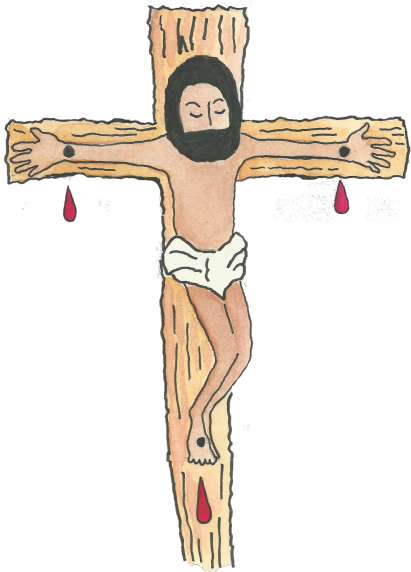
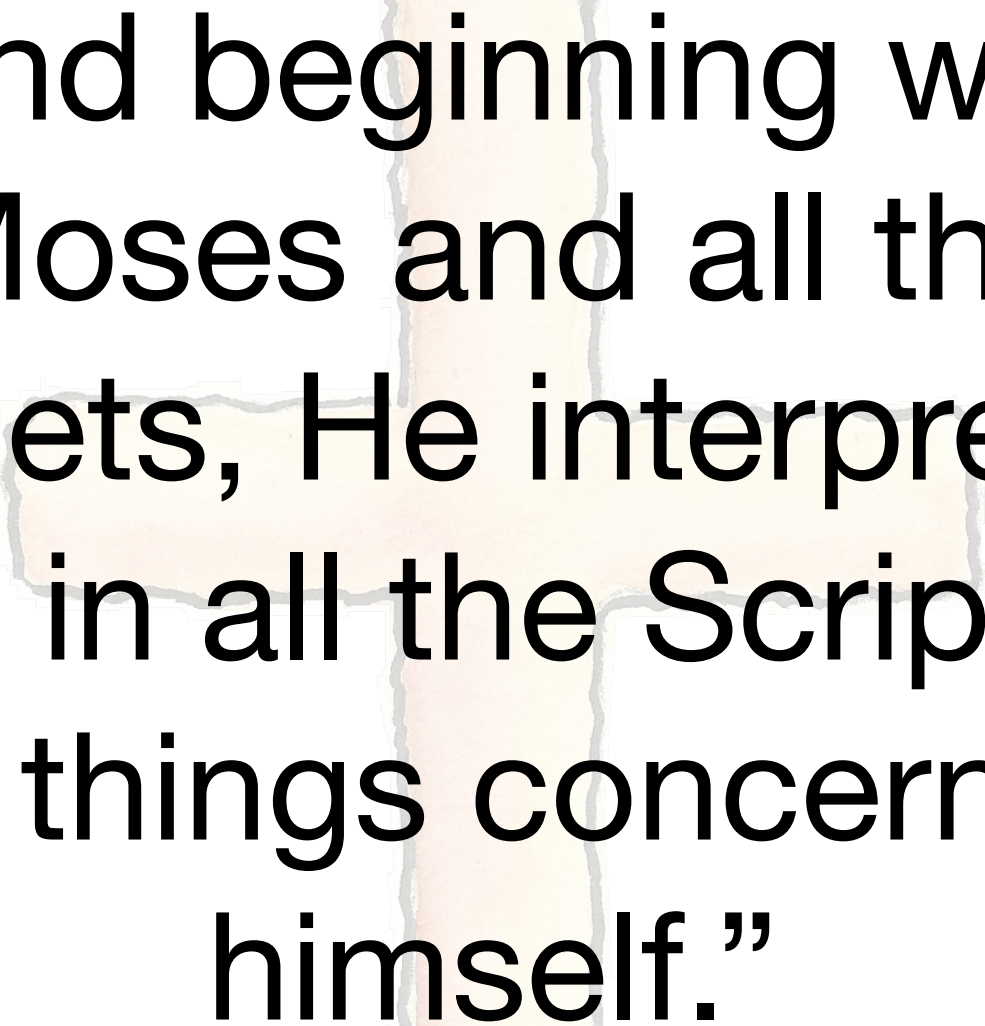


# God Gives a Lamb

Mitch Henry





“And beginning with  
Moses and all the  
Prophets, He interpreted to  
them in all the Scriptures  
the things concerning  
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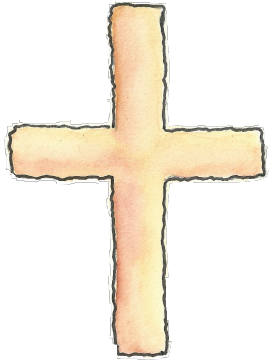
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Jesus connected Bible  
stories to the cross.

We make disciples by  
connecting the cross to  
the people!



...through whom we have received  
grace and apostleship to bring  
about *the obedience of faith* among  
all the Gentiles in behalf of His  
name.

Romans 1:5 NASB



# God's Test of Faith

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and ***go to the region of Moriah***. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

# God's Test of Faith

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his ***donkey***. He took with him *two* of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough ***wood*** for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the ***third day***

Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

# God's Test of Faith

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and ***placed it on his son Isaac***, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham,  
“Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.



# God's Test of Faith

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but *where is the lamb* for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “**God himself will provide the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and *laid him* on the altar, ***on top of the wood***. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

# God's Test of Faith

But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "***Here I am,***" he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, *your only son.*"

Abraham looked up and there ***in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns.*** He went over and took the ram and ***sacrificed*** it as a burnt offering ***instead of his son.*** So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

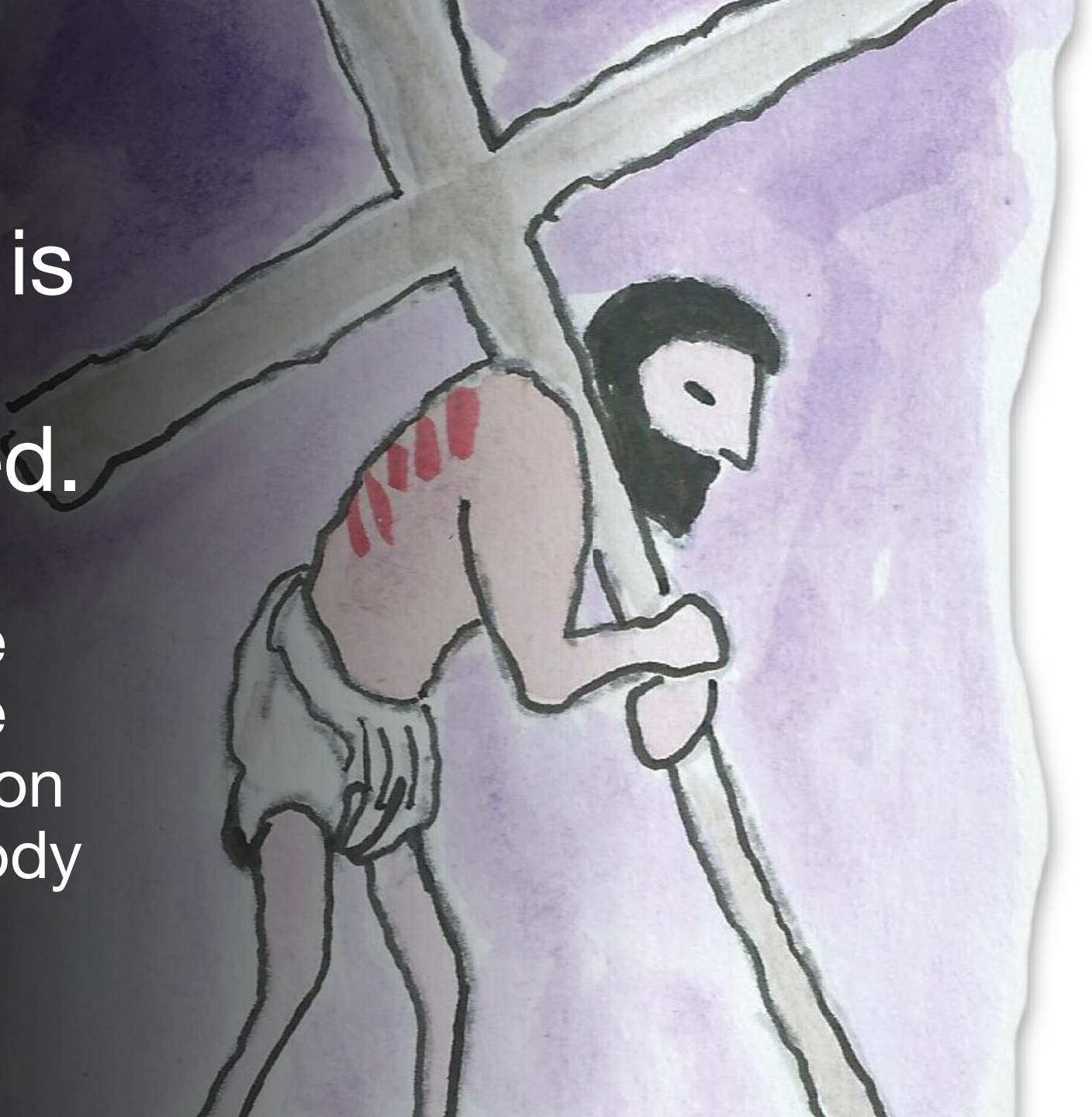
# God's Test of Faith

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because ***you have done this*** and have ***not withheld your son, your only son***, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and ***through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed***, because ***you have obeyed me.***” (Genesis 22:1-18 NIV <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/GEN.22.1-18>)

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The land of Moriah is the region where Jerusalem is located.

What other son of promise later walked up a hill in the land of Moriah with wood on his back in order for his body to be a sacrifice?



Like the ram, what other Lamb provided by God had his head surrounded by thorns immediately before his life was taken in a sacrifice?

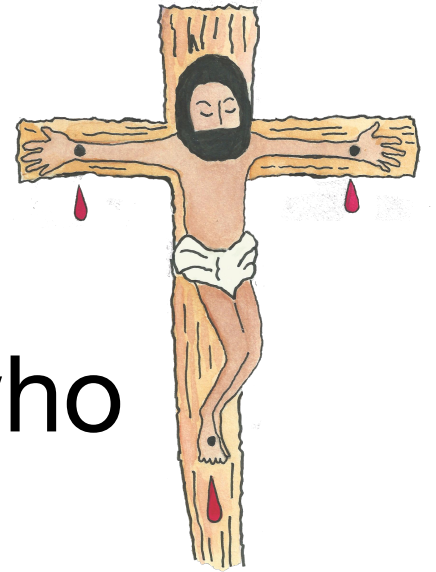
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Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of *thorns* and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. Matthew 27:27-29 NIV  
<https://my.bible.com/bible/111/MAT.27.27-29>



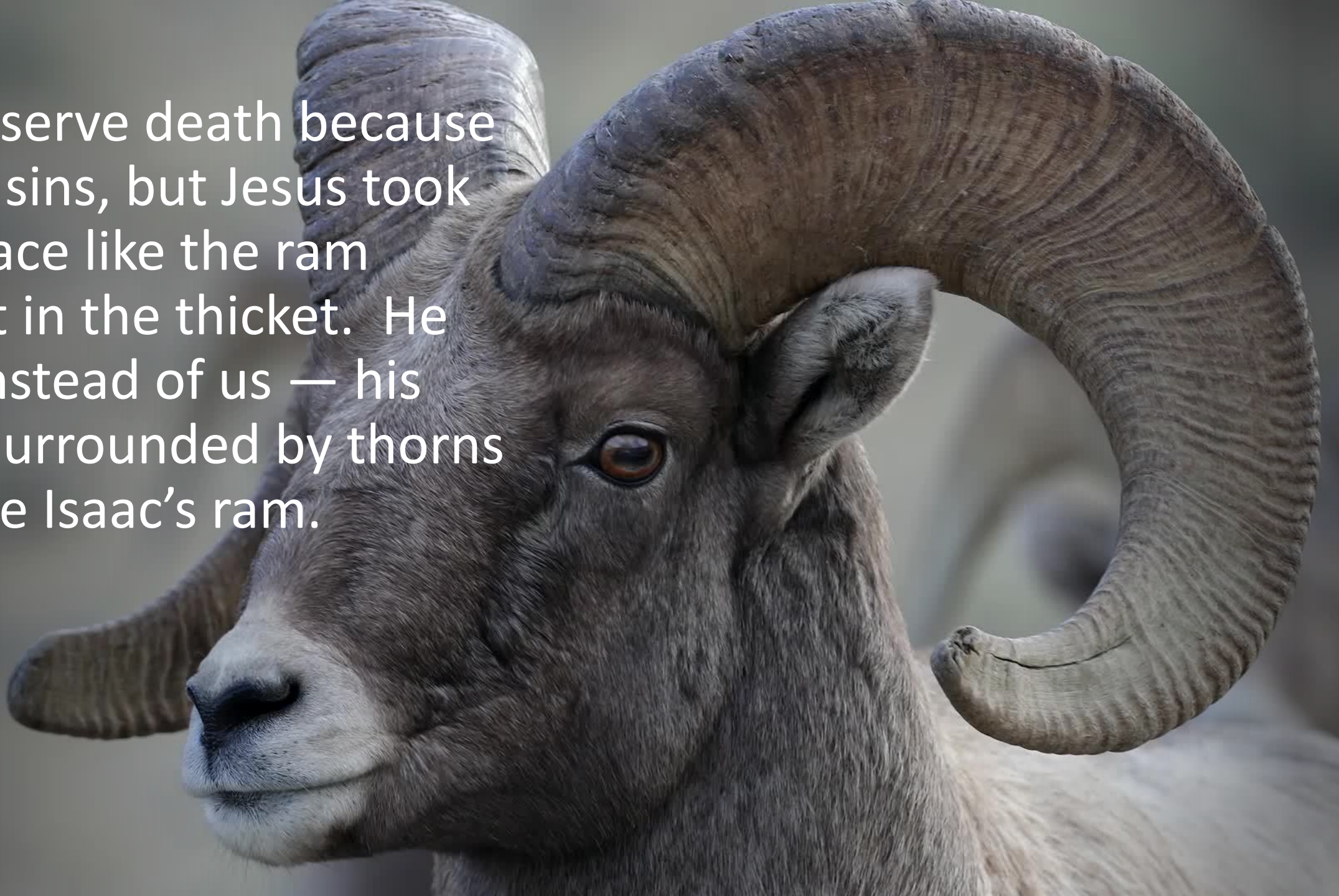
In both stories, there was a substitution at the point of death.

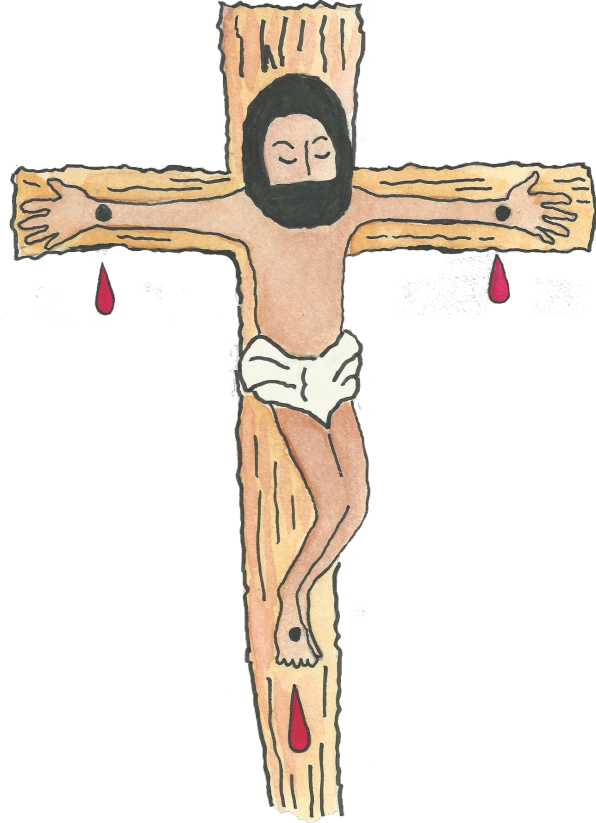
- Isaac was exchanged with a ram.
- Jesus was substituted for Barabbas who went free like Isaac.
- At the cross, mankind was exchanged with Jesus, “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29 NIV <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/JHN.1.29>)





We deserve death because of our sins, but Jesus took our place like the ram caught in the thicket. He died instead of us — his head surrounded by thorns just like Isaac's ram.





Isaac's story involved one donkey carrying the provisions for the sacrifice into the land of Moriah.

Jesus' story involved a single colt carrying the Son, God's provision for our saving sacrifice, into the city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday before the crucifixion.



Isaac's sacrifice involved *two* servants who played a role in preparing for the sacrifice. Jesus' sacrifice involved *two* thieves who played a role in Jesus' sacrifice.





Isaac's story involved *three* days of preparation; Jesus' story involved *three* days waiting for resurrection.

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Most importantly, both stories were coupled with a promise from God. After his obedience, Abraham received a blessing from God. Through the “offspring” of Abraham “*all nations* on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” (Genesis 22:18 NIV <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/GEN.22.18>)

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Therefore go and make disciples of *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/MAT.28.19-20>)

Finally, Isaac's sacrifice foreshadowed Jesus' resurrection.

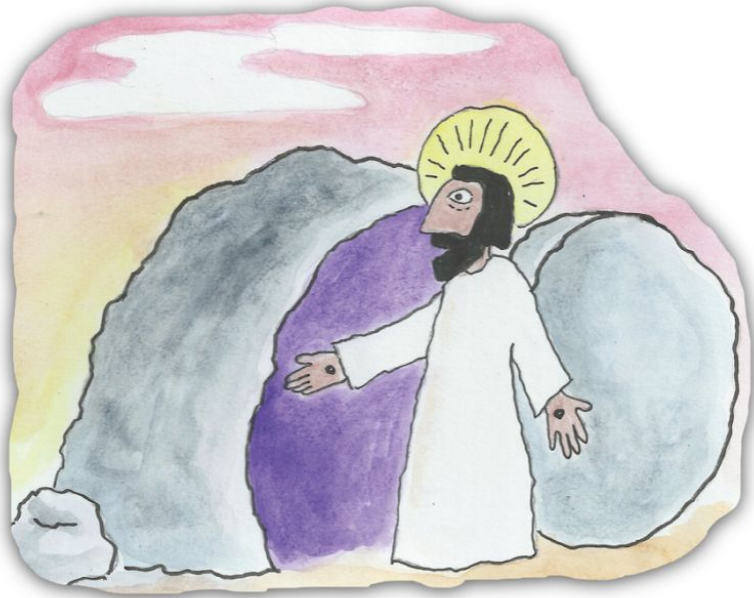
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By faith Abraham, when God *tested* him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your *offspring* will be reckoned." **Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead**, and so in a manner of speaking he did *receive Isaac back from death*. (Hebrews 11:17-19 NIV <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/HEB.11.17-19>)





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