

**The Day of Atonement: How Jesus Fulfills & Completes It**

- Jesus is the true and better HIGH PRIEST who is both \_\_\_\_\_ and offers \_\_\_\_\_ as the sacrifice.
- Jesus is the true and better SACRIFICE who \_\_\_\_\_ for sins once and for all.
- Jesus is the true and better SCAPEGOAT who \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ sins once and for all.

**NEXT STEPS** to help us apply God's Word

- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, what is keeping you from trusting Jesus as YOUR high priest, sacrifice, and scapegoat? Does your challenge lie more in the area of seeing your sin as cancer or in really believing that Jesus is the cure?
- If you are a follower of Jesus, it's easy to forget that others around us desperately need Jesus. Who, in your circle of influence, doesn't know Jesus? This week, pray for them by name and for an opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Then reach out to love and serve them in some practical way.

*The Day of Atonement was the most important day in Israel's calendar. It's also an important day for us because it can really help us understand the Good News of Jesus.*

**The Day of Atonement: What Happened**

- Act 1: The High Priest offered a SACRIFICIAL RAM to pay for his \_\_\_\_\_ sins. (16:11-14)
- Act 2: The High priest offered a SACRIFICIAL GOAT to pay for the \_\_\_\_\_ sins. (16:15-19)
- Act 3: The High Priest placed the peoples' sins on a SCAPEGOAT to \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ to the wilderness. (16:20-22)

**The Day of Atonement: What It Means**

- SIN IS SERIOUS: Humankind is sinful and \_\_\_\_\_ from a Holy God.
- FORGIVENESS IS COSTLY: God is gracious to forgive through blood \_\_\_\_\_.
- A SAVIOR IS NEEDED: The repetition reminded God's people that the sacrifices were \_\_\_\_\_, which set the stage the coming of a Savior.



## Moses & the Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16

Sunday, April 18, 2021

*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Share a high and low from the last week and a bit about how you're doing.

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Leviticus 16 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh, or challenging?
2. Imagine yourself as an ancient Israelite. What do you think it would have felt like to experience the Day of Atonement?

3. Read Hebrews 9-10 together as a group. It's a complex chapter, but what connections do you see with Leviticus 16? What is the author of Hebrews saying?
4. We didn't talk about them in the message, but Hebrews 10:19-25 contains 3 direct applications in the form of "let us" statements. Because Jesus is our better high priest, sacrifice and scapegoat, what does the author of Hebrews exhort us to do? Which of the 3 is your biggest need right now?
5. Who in your circle of influence is not yet a Christian? Do you think they have a harder time seeing their own "cancer" or believing that Jesus is really the "cure?"

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon.
- As a group, spend some time in prayer together "drawing near," "holding fast", "stirring one another up to love and good works."
- Pray by name for those you talked about in question 5. Pray for them to see their need and for personal opportunities to share Jesus or show the love of Jesus.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.