

A man, a cross, & a _____



The Story of the Sacrifice

Isaiah 6:1-7, Luke 5: 12-13

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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The sacrifice of Jesus Christ redefined the world, yet its place in the grand narrative of Scripture can get lost on us. Only when we look both behind, and ahead, do we see the grand plan of God in the greatest story ever told.

An evil, an animal, & _____

TAKING ACTION

Read Isaiah 6 and then Luke 5. Ponder the beauty of Jesus reaching out to heal the man with leprosy. How does this act of love and mercy help us understand the depth of Jesus' death on our behalf? How will this change the way you worship Jesus this Christmas season?

A creature, a coal, & a _____

NEXT WEEK: *The Story of the King | Advent Week*



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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 perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

What is your favorite Christmas movie and why?

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

1. How did you process the story of the sacrifice this week? What was familiar? What was new?

2. Why is it important to know that the Bible is one story that all points to Jesus?

3. Read Leviticus 16:11, 14-16. What is going on when the priest sprinkles the blood?

4. What is the significance of the vision in Isaiah 6:1-7 and how does it connect us to Jesus in the New Testament?

5. On Mission together: Who do you know in your life that needs to hear the story of the sacrifice? Pray for these people by name and ask God to give you opportunities to share.

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

- Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world as they celebrate the birth of Christ, some amidst war and great suffering.
- Pray for those in our community and church family who are dealing with hardship, loss, and a difficult holiday season ahead.
- Pray that the story of the sacrifice would propel us into mission and sharing Jesus with others.