



Part 4: The Death Wish

INTRODUCTION – Murder, Suicide, or Sacrifice?

Cryptic Images...

Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35 – A mother hen.
Matthew 26:12; Mark 14:8 – Anointed for burial.

Clear explanations...

Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19, 28; 26:2
Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32; 10:32-34, 45
Luke 9:22, 43-35; 18:31-34

Note: Jesus holds, not the _____ people, but the _____ leadership responsible for his death.

The Passover Scandal

Matthew 26:20-30; Mark 14:12-31; Luke 22:1-38; John 13:1-30

Blood was a sign for _____ making.

Exodus 24:8; Zechariah 9:11

Drinking blood (even symbolically) was a direct dismantling of _____ rules in favour of radical _____ and allegiance to Jesus.

TAKE OUT: Jesus has replaced religion with _____.

A New Covenant?

Jeremiah 31:29-34

The mark of the New Covenant is its _____ nature.

TAKE OUT: God's Law is obeyed when we live by the _____
(**Rom. 8:4**) and we love our _____
(**Rom. 13:8-10**).

CONCLUSION – The Whole Story

Hosea 6:1-2

For Further Study...

Tape Series: *The Jesus Scandals* (How Jesus challenged the religious system)
Tape Series: *Tomb Raiders* (How the Old & New Covenants are related)

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read **1 Corinthians 5**, where Paul uses Passover imagery to explain the sacrifice of Jesus and appeal for holy living. a) Accessing what you know about the original Passover story, in what ways is Jesus truly our "Passover Lamb" (v. 7)? (List the parallels.) b) Because of God's radical forgiveness through Christ, some people think that living in moral purity is not a central Christian concern. How would Paul respond to someone who said, "God loves me and forgives me, so don't judge me just because I'm not living a (sexually) pure life"? c) How would Paul counsel others in the church to respond to this kind of "Christ-follower"? d) Why do people slide into tolerating hypocrisy in their lives (see v. 2)? e) What are the lessons Paul wants us to absorb through the imagery of heaven? f) Why should a Christ-follower not be judgemental toward non-Christians (see vv. 12-13)? g) How does Paul in v. 7 call Christians to become who they truly are? What is the significance of this?

SO WHAT?...

3. a) What "yeast" needs to be done away with in your life? b) What is one thing you can commit to doing this week to help you "clean house"?
4. Living a pure life: having the courage to confront a brother or sister who isn't living a pure life; remembering not to become judgemental toward non-Christians for their non-Christian attitudes and lifestyles – which do you need to grow the most in? Pray for each other in light of this.

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