

## **THE ROAD IS RED**

#3 Snapshots of the Savior

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Intro:

- \* I have discovered something about being lost...

### **Three stages of lost-ness...**

1. Lost & NOT know it- clueless
2. Lost & know it but too PROUD to admit it
3. Your lost & come clean & admit I need direction

- \* God has placed a GPS system in ALL of us. (we all know if we are lost)
- \* TODAY I want to connect lost-ness to JUSTICE (they don't seem to gel but we'll see they do gel)
- \* Because of our lostness God did something culminating in the feature presentation... Easter.

### **Why do we have this ATONEMENT AWARENESS in our minds & our hearts?**

Why do we have the "somebody has got to pay", mentality?

- **Animals DON'T have it!** (Dog gets out & the other animals see it they don't call the cops...)

- \* **ONLY humans** have that **attitude.**

- ONLY humans** have **this JUSTICE thing going on.**

- \* **Evolutionists can't explain why we have this**, "somebody has got to pay mentality."
- \* **Every tribe** every culture has a code of "JUSTICE".  
**Commit a crime** - you pay...(got to jail, pay a fine, or pay the ultimate- death)

\*\*\* **God on ONE hand is LOVING** (full of grace, mercy & forgiveness, **but on the other hand** He is JUST, & Holy, PURE)

**God cannot WINK at SIN.** God can't say, "Boys will be boys & girls will be girls."

- \* **Because God is** a loving God & Holy God **SIN MUST have a payment!**

Saw movie- last week starts at a certain time- (15 minutes of previews)... Show highlights to get us interested-

### **God is all about sneak previews...**

A road that lead to the feature film... Road is Red pointing to the ultimate destination.

That brings us to...

**Genesis 2:16-17** "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou **shalt not** eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**"

\* **"With the high risk gift of the freedom of choice... comes the high cost principle of atonement."**

- \* This is what God told Adam & Eve
  - You are free to express your love to me, or not, BUT...
    - If you choose wrong YOU will have to pay... for your own sins...in HELL.
  - \* You have to atone for yourself.
- \* What happened - Adam SINNED...

**Gen. 3:6-7** "And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

- \* What God was saying, Because of your sin there is CONSEQUENCES!

I'm holy & just, you blew your opportunity.

\*\*\* You would **think God would just take them out...**

\* **But God provides another way for sin to be dealt with.**

**Sneak preview for today (Easter)**

**Gen. 3:21** "Unto Adam also and to his wife **did the LORD God make** coats of skins, and clothed them."

\* Adam saw God kill an animal... spill it's BLOOD onto the ground...never saw that, or heard the shrill of an animal dying.

\*\*\* **God introduced the ESSENCE of our FAITH... SUSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT.**

- **Atonement** means "to cover".

The allowance of an innocent party to pay with their life to the guilty party can go free.

\* God could have told Adam & Eve you pay for your sin in HELL.

**In Exodus**... this event...

Moses & Children of Israel... Egyptians SINNING, the Israelites SINNING... So God told them atonement time... (blood lamb on the door-posts & lentil) If there Death Angel PASSOVER, if not...

**In Leviticus**... animal sacrifices all the time

Could cover sin but could not make them righteous.

\* Many sacrifices... on the Day of Atonement

- High priest takes a blood lamb into Holy of Holies...

- High priest would take a goat (scapegoat) put blood on it and take into wilderness several miles (12) release it symbolizing that the guilt from the sins was lost.

\* Do you see the **Red Road foreshadowing the time we are in right now?**

**Fast forward to Isaiah**...

\* He **started talking about a man** that was going to be born, & that he would be the substitution & die & that **his blood would forgive them ONCE & for ALL.**

\* **This person** would be **so powerful** that **his sacrifice would reach all the way back in time** & to **the future.**

**Isa. 53:5** "But **he** was wounded for our transgressions, **he** was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon **him**; and with **his** stripes we are healed."

\*\*\* **Enter Jesus** - John the Baptist said,

**Jn 1:29** "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**"

\* **Atonement until this time only meant "to cover", but NOW** it means **"to take away."**

When Jesus started his ministry he said...

**Mk 10:45** "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a **ransom for many.**

\* What did Jesus do?

- The 2nd person of the trinity left heaven... lived a sinless life, died a sacrificial death, & rose again.

-1. When Adam & Eve saw God kill that animal right in front of their faces...

They freaked out...

-2. When that Hebrew boy saw his father kills his lamb...

He freaked out...

-3. What do you think heaven did when Jesus died on the cross?

They freaked out.

**NOTE:**

**On the cross God treated Jesus Christ like he was you or me, so He could turn around & treat you & me like Jesus!**

\* **What are you talking about?**

- \* The bible **says when a person makes the arrangement to accept Jesus' substitutionary death that the sins of that person are FORGIVEN!**  
Because the work is ALREADY done!
- \* But if **we only get forgiveness of sins it is only 1/2 of the deal...**  
We are missing the rest of the Gospel.
- \* If forgiveness of sins was all there was to it- Jesus could have died at 2.
- \*\*\* **The 2nd half the gospel lived a perfect life obeying the will of the Father...**  
He was 100% righteous- so we get his righteousness.  
(Which would you rather have when you stand before God your record of imperfection or Jesus' at perfection?)  
**The red road- paved with Jesus' perfect sacrifice, & life. WOW.**
- \* **The resurrection is the evidence of the PERFECT life of Jesus-** death could NOT hold him!
- \* So when I accepted Jesus God DOES NOT see Mike Matijevich (moral fowl up) He sees His sinless Son Jesus Christ.
  
- \* I checked the stats on death just before the service hovering around 100%.  
We are ALL going to die...
- \*\*\* **SO my question if you were to die right now have you made the proper arrangements for your SIN?**
  - Are you planning to pay for your own sin?  
Are you planning on standing on you OWN track record?
  - Or have you made arrangement with Christ?
- \* **That's why...**  
**With the high risk of freedom of choice comes the high cost principle of Atonement.**  
God standards are perfect.
  
- \*\*\* **Some of you are RIGHT NOW realizing you are lost-** the Holy Spirit is all over you right now but you are thinking about lunch & Easter eggs... anything else but the fact that you are lost.
  
- \* The road is red... are you ready to take that step of faith & follow the map God has made for you.  
**Isa. 53:6-11** "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.  
Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.  
Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.  
Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

INVITATION...

Make your reservation for the trip - so when it is your turn to go you'll already have a ticket.  
You won't be LOST.