

The Sacrifice of Jesus

But first the **Parade**:

- "Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem"—Luke 9:51
- The colt—"Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They replied, 'The Lord needs it.'—Luke 19:32,34
- The Parade—"They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road."—Luke 19: 35,36

Now, the **Sacrifice**:

"(v.1) The old system in the law of Moses was only a shadow of the things to come, not the reality of the good things Christ has done for us. The sacrifices under the old system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

(v.8) Christ said, 'You did not want animal sacrifices or grain offerings or animals burned on the altar or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them' (though they are required by the law of Moses). (v.9) Then he added, 'Look, I have come to do your will.' He cancels the first covenant in order to establish the second. (v.10) And what God wants is for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

(v.11) Under the old covenant, the priest stands before the altar day after day offering sacrifices that can never take away sins. (v.12) But our High Priest offered himself to God as one sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down at the place of highest honor at God's right hand. (v.13) There he waits until his enemies are humbled as a footstool under his feet. (v.14) For by that one offering he perfected forever all those whom he is making holy.

(v.18) Now when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

(v.19) And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. (v.20) This is the new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us through the sacred curtain, by means of his death for us. (v.21) And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's people, (v.22) let us go right into the presence of God, with true hearts fully trusting him. For our evil consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure

water. (v.23) Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. (v.24) Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. (v.25) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near."

Hebrews 10:1, 8-14, 18-25
New Living Translation

Because Jesus sacrificed for us, we can:

- ❖ We enter **boldly** into the presence of God. (v.21)

- ❖ Depend on God's promises—because they are as **solid** as a rock!
(v.23)

- ❖ How shall we encourage each other?
 - **words**
 - **support**
 - **love**
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- ❖ Let's not **neglect** our worship time together! (v.25a)

- ❖ Are you ready for Jesus to return this afternoon?
Or call you to heaven this evening?
Or your best friend?
(v.25b)

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