

Kerygma Part V Homily Outline

Congratulations to all of our young people and adults who will be confirmed at each of the Masses this weekend!

What, if anything, has God done about it?

Past Wednesday Video on YouTube: *Rescued & Response: Jesus is Not Just Kind! (first half)*

The story of sacrifice.

I think sacrifice is a pretty powerful theme that runs through the history of salvation and central because **sacrifice and love** are very powerfully bound together.

- You sacrifice for what you love and when you really love something – no sacrifice is too great.

So, lets take a look at the highlights of sacrifice in Salvation History – each little step here will be quick, much more could be said, but it is going to give us the background, context for understanding the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary:

1. Made for them garments of skin

Genesis 3:21

THE LORD GOD MADE FOR THE MAN AND HIS WIFE GARMENTS OF SKIN, WITH WHICH HE CLOTHED THEM.

2. Sacrifice of Cain and Abel

Gen 4:3-5

IN THE COURSE OF TIME CAIN BROUGHT AN OFFERING TO THE LORD FROM THE FRUIT OF THE GROUND, WHILE ABEL, FOR HIS PART, BROUGHT THE FATTY PORTION OF THE FIRSTLINGS OF HIS FLOCK. THE LORD LOOKED WITH FAVOR ON ABEL AND HIS OFFERING, BUT ON CAIN AND HIS OFFERING HE DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR.

3. Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac

Gen 22:2

THEN GOD SAID: TAKE YOUR SON ISAAC, YOUR ONLY ONE, WHOM YOU LOVE, AND GO TO THE LAND OF MORIAH. THERE OFFER HIM UP AS A BURNT OFFERING ON ONE OF THE HEIGHTS THAT I WILL POINT OUT TO YOU.

4. Then the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb

Exodus 12:5-7

YOUR LAMB MUST BE A YEAR-OLD MALE AND WITHOUT BLEMISH. YOU MAY TAKE IT FROM EITHER THE SHEEP OR THE GOATS. YOU WILL KEEP IT UNTIL THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THIS MONTH, AND THEN, WITH THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF ISRAEL ASSEMBLED, IT WILL BE SLAUGHTERED DURING THE EVENING TWILIGHT. THEY WILL TAKE SOME OF ITS BLOOD AND APPLY IT TO THE TWO DOORPOSTS AND THE LINTEL OF THE HOUSES IN WHICH THEY EAT IT.

5. Then in the law

Lev 5:1-6

IF ANYONE SINS... AND HE SHALL BRING HIS GUILT OFFERING TO THE LORD FOR THE SIN WHICH HE HAS COMMITTED, A FEMALE FROM THE FLOCK, A LAMB OR A GOAT, FOR SIN OFFERING AND APPRECIATE MAKE ATONEMENT FOR HIM FOR HIS SIN.

That is the Old Testament story that gives foreshadowing, the types, the history, content, meaning – so that when John the Baptist bursts forth with:

John 1:29

"BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!"

His listeners know what exactly what he is saying. Then for those pay close attention you will see how Jesus fulfills all those types from the OT:

He is both Priest and Victim

We sacrifice for what we love – and when we see His sacrifice and participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass we know how much God loves us, and what he has done to clean up the mess.