

# ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

Genesis 22

## ABRAHAM ASKED TO GIVE UP HIS FUTURE

In the first part of the story of Abraham, he is asked to leave behind his family and go to the place where God shows him. Now, we find him being asked to give up his *future* family at the place where God shows him.

Genesis 22

The Moriah Mountain range is in modern day Jerusalem, and the site of where Abraham took Isaac is where the Temple eventually is built. On that same range is one of the purported places that Christ was crucified.

Hebrews 11.17-19

## SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

- **Isaac:** he is a "firstfruit" of the future Israel (which his son, Jacob, would even be renamed as), as he is the beginning of the multiplied offspring who are the people of Israel, with Abraham as their father. In this story, Isaac is a symbol of God's people, including us Gentiles who have been grafted into Israel through faith, who *should* be killed for their sin.
- **The Lamb:** this is a picture of Christ, who was *substituted* in place of Israel and became the sacrifice, provided by God Himself.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 10 // 1 John 4.10 // Hebrews 6.13

It is God himself who in holy wrath needs to be propitiated, God himself who in holy love undertook to do the propitiating, and God himself who in the person of his Son died for the propitiation of our sins. Thus God took his own loving initiative to appease his own righteous anger by bearing it his own self in his own Son when he took our place and died for us. – **John Stott, the Cross of Christ**

**The dying Jesus is the evidence of God's anger toward sin;  
but the living Jesus is the proof of God's love and forgiveness.**

-Lorenz Eifert

## THE OFFSPRING OF ABRAHAM

We are reminded that God's ways will never be thwarted, that as He "remembered Noah," as He swears by Himself, He will keep His covenant with Abraham and Abraham's descendants. Here in **Genesis 22.17, 18**, He also points back to **Genesis 3.15** to remind us of *how He will keep His covenant*.

Galatians 3.16 // Revelation 5.1-14



## NOTES:

### Recommended Resources

#### The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **forge friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com) or **John Hawthorne** at [hawthorne-john@hotmail.com](mailto:hawthorne-john@hotmail.com)

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Genesis 22**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you notice in the story that are common themes we have seen elsewhere, whether in previous stories in **Genesis**, or in future stories in the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_

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So far, we have seen that God is serious about sin, as well as mercifully serious about redeeming people from their sin. Why is it necessary for there to be a penalty for sin? \_\_\_\_\_

Why can't God just "look the other way" and forgive us? \_\_\_\_\_

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Just like how it would be wrong for an earthly judge, parent, friend, police officer, teacher, or anyone else to "look the other way" when sin is committed, even more so, it would prove that God was not truly good (and therefore, not even God) if He simply looked away. Sin *must* be dealt with. How does this story give us a picture of this? \_\_\_\_\_

When the Jews read the Old Testament, the sparing of Isaac rings true in their hearts, a very real indication that God truly kept His promise and that they, the Jews, are alive only because God kept this promise and spared Isaac.

Read **Ephesians 2.11-22, Romans 2.28-29, 11.17-24**. What do these verses say about our place in regards to Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

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Since Isaac is a "firstfruit" of the future Israel (the offspring promised to Abraham), how does Isaac's exoneration on the altar give us a very real picture of us being saved from death through Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Exodus 12.1-13**. This even is known as the Passover. What parallels do you see here, as well? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now read **John 1.29-34**. Why is John the Baptist using this phrase to describe Jesus to the people of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Revelation 5.1-14**, as well as **Genesis 3.15** and **Genesis 22.17, 18**. How do you see these three Scriptures tie together the message of the Gospel as first mentioned in **3.15**, reiterated in **22.17, 18**, & consummated in **Revelation 5.1-14**?

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