



1 Pet 1:18-20 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, ...

Rev 13:8 ... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

1. The cross was in the Garden of Eden

Gen 3:14-15 So the Lord God said to the serpent: ... ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

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2. The cross was there in Abraham's time – 2000 B.C.

Jn 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

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- **The father was willing to give his promised son**

Gen 22:2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

- **The son was dead to the father for three days**

22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

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- **The sacrifice could only be between the father and the son**

22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

Mt 26:56 ... Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Mt 27:45-46 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli , Eli , lama sabachthani ?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Ps 22:1)

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- **The son carried the wood on his back**

22:6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son;

Jn 19:17-18 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸where they crucified Him,

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- **God provided the lamb**

22:8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

Jn 1:29, 35-36 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ... ³⁵Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

1 Pet 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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- **The lamb's head was caught in thorns**

22:11-13 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" ¹² ... "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; ... ¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns.

Mt 27:29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, ...

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3. The cross was there in Egypt when the Angel of Death came through

Ex:12:21-23 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. ²² And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

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- The firstborn died as a judgment on sin
- The blood was applied to the houses of the people of God
- Darkness ruled when the angel **passed over** while judgment was all around

Mt 26:2 “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

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Mk 14:12 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?”

Lk 22:1-2 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.

Jn 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

19:14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

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- **The bones of the Passover lamb could not be broken:**

Ex 12:46 ... nor shall you break one of its bones.

Num 9:12 ... nor break one of its bones.

Ps 34:20 He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken.

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Jn 19:31-37 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." (Zech 12:10)

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4. The cross was there in the wilderness with the serpent on the pole

Num 21:8-9 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Jn 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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Gen 3:14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field;

Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan,

Ex 4:2-3 So the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A rod.” ³And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent;

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5. The cross was there in the time of Ruth

Boaz “kinsman redeemer”

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6. The cross was there in the time of David

- Ps 22
- Ps 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. (Peter Acts 2:27)

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7. The cross was there in the time of Isaiah

Is 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

52:13-14 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high ¹⁴Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;

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Is 53:3-10 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked – but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,

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Lk 22:37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."

Mt 20:18-19 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

Lk 9:51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

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Col 2:13-15 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

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