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MAKING A PLAN

The Catholic Church has an excellent plan for reading and studying the bible, called the Lectionary. Studying the Sunday Lectionary readings can make a big difference in your appreciation of the Eucharist. Here are 8 reading plans to help you further appreciate our Catholic Faith.

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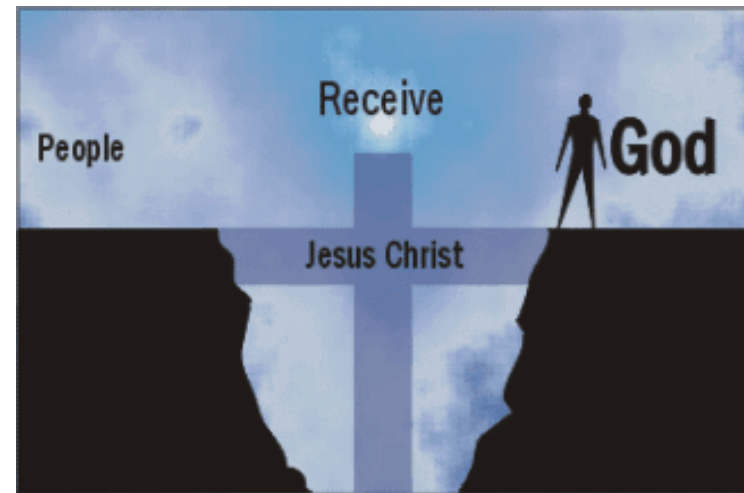
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The truth is, none of us is perfect – we are all sinners. But God has a plan to save us. Take two-week journey as you walk from sin to salvation.

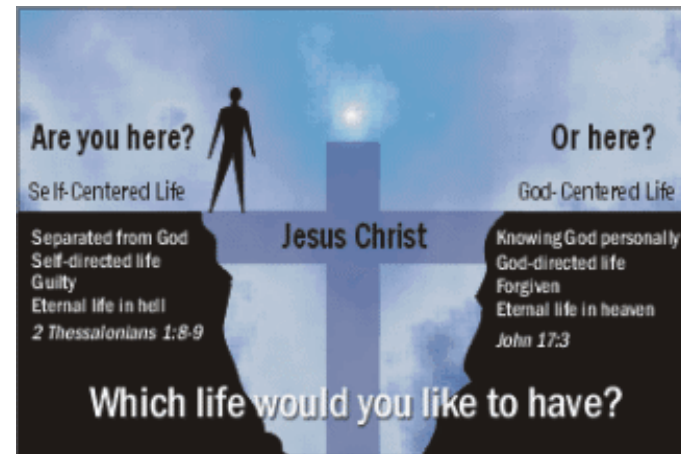
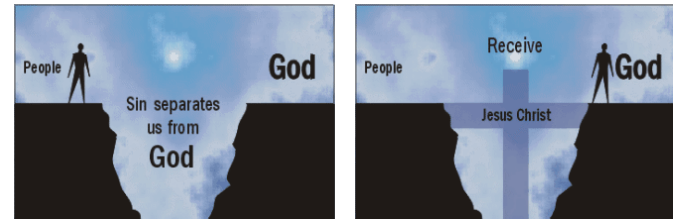
Day	Bible Reading	Theme
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2	Genesis Chapter 6	Evil Everywhere
3	Genesis 12:1-9	God starts a Relationship
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Reflections:

Sin separates us from God. Jesus bridges us to God. What is your choice?

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THE EUCHARIST

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Matthew 26:26-28

The institution of the Eucharist

26:26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples. 'Take it and eat;' he said 'this is my body.'
26:27 Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them. 'Drink all of you from this,' he said
26:28 'for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'

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THE FIRST SIN

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THE FALL
Genesis Chapter 3

The Fall

3:1 The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that Yahweh God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?'
3:2 The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden.'
3:3 But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".'

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3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die!
3:5 God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.'
3:6 The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.
3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.
3:8 The man and his wife heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.
3:9 But Yahweh God called to the man. 'Where are you?' he asked.
3:10 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.'
3:11 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?'
3:12 The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it'.
3:13 Then Yahweh God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate'.
3:14 Then Yahweh God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

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10:13 where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him.
10:14 By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.
10:15 The Holy Spirit assures us of this; for he says, first:

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THE ONLY SACRIFICE

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Hebrews 10:8-15

The old sacrifices ineffective

10:8 Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;

10:9 and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second.

10:10 And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The efficacy of Christ's sacrifice

10:11 All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away.

10:12 He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God,

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3:15 I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel'.

3:16 To the woman he said: 'I will multiply your pains in childbearing, you shall give birth to your children in pain. Your yearning shall be for your husband, yet he will lord it over you.'

3:17 To the man he said, 'Because you listened to the voice of your wife and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, Accursed be the soil because of you. With suffering shall you get your food from it every day of your life.

3:18 It shall yield you brambles and thistles, and you shall eat wild plants.

3:19 With sweat on your brow shall you eat your bread, until you return to the soil, as you were taken from it. For dust you are and to dust you shall return.'

3:20 The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the mother of all those who live.

3:21 Yahweh God made clothes out of skins for the man and his wife, and they put them on.

3:22 Then Yahweh God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, with his knowledge of good and evil. He must not be allowed to stretch his hand out next and pick from the tree of life also, and eat some and live for ever.'

3:23 So Yahweh God expelled him from the garden of Eden, to till the soil from which he had been taken.

3:24 He banished the man, and in front of the garden of Eden he posted the cherubs, and the flame of a flashing sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.

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EVIL EVERYWHERE

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Genesis Chapter 6

Sons of God and daughters of men

6:1 When men had begun to be plentiful on the earth, and daughters had been born to them,

6:2 the sons of God, looking at the daughters of men, saw they were pleasing, so they married as many as they chose.

6:3 Yahweh said, 'My spirit must not for ever be disgraced in man, for he is but flesh; his life shall last no more than a hundred and twenty years'.

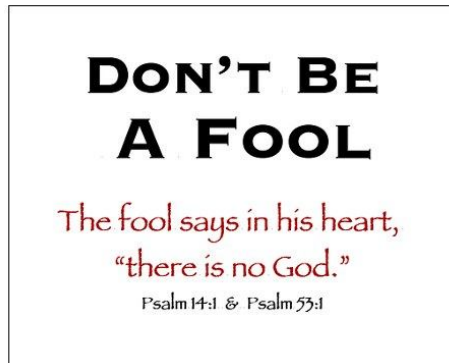
6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth at that time (and even afterwards) when the sons of God resorted to the daughters of man, and had children by them. These are the heroes of days gone by, the famous men.

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53:5 They will be struck with fear, fear without reason, since God scatters the bones of the apostate, they are disgraced, for God rejects them.

53:6 Who will bring Israel salvation from Zion? When God brings his people home, what joy for Jacob, what happiness for Israel!

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CONFESSION PRAYER

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Psalm 53

PSALM 53 (v52)

**The godless man, For the choirmaster, In sickness
Poem Of David**

53:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God!" They are false, corrupt, vile, there is not one good man left.

53:2 God is looking down from heaven at the sons of men, to see if a single one is wise, if a single one is seeking God.

53:3 All have turned aside, all alike are tainted. There is not one good man left, not a single one.

53:4 Are they so ignorant, these evil men who swallow my people as though they were eating bread, and never invoke God?

THE FLOOD

The corruption of mankind

6:5 Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that the thoughts in his heart fashioned nothing but wickedness all day long.

6:6 Yahweh regretted having made man on the earth, and his heart grieved.

6:7 'I will rid the earth's face of man, my own creation,' Yahweh said 'and of animals also, reptiles too, and the birds of heaven; for I regret having made them.'

6:8 But Noah had found favour with Yahweh. This is the story of Noah:

6:9 Noah was a good man, a man of integrity among his contemporaries, and he walked with God.

6:10 Noah became the father of three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

6:11 The earth grew corrupt in God's sight, and filled with violence.

6:12 God contemplated the earth: it was corrupt, for corrupt were the ways of all flesh on the earth.

Preparations for the flood

6:13 God said to Noah, "The end has come for all things of flesh; I have decided this, because the earth is full of violence of man's making, and I will efface them from the earth.

6:14 Make yourself an ark out of resinous wood. Make it with reeds and line it with pitch inside and out.

6:15 This is how to make it: the length of the ark is to be three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

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6:16 Make a roof for the ark... put the door of the ark high up in the side, and make a first, second and third deck.

6:17 For my part I mean to bring a flood, and send the waters over the earth, to destroy all flesh on it, every living creature under heaven; everything on earth shall perish.

6:18 But I will establish my Covenant with you, and you must go on board the ark, yourself, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives along with you.

6:19 From all living creatures, from all flesh, you must take two of each kind aboard the ark, to save their lives with yours; they must be a male and a female.

6:20 Of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of reptile on the ground, two must go with you so that their lives may be saved.

6:21 For your part provide yourself with eatables of all kinds, and lay in a store of them, to serve as food for yourself and them.'

6:22 Noah did this; he did all that God had ordered him.

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2:2 he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

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RETURN, REPENT, AND CONFESS

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Joel 2:12-13, 1Jn 1:8-2:2

d. A call to repentance

2:12 'But now, now-it is Yahweh who speaks-come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.'

2:13 Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to Yahweh your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent.

First condition: break with sin

1:8 If we say we have no sin in us; we are deceiving ourselves and refusing to admit the truth;

1:9 but if we acknowledge our sins, then God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and purify us from everything that is wrong.

1:10 To say that we have never sinned is to call God a liar and to show that his word is not in us.

2:1 I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just;

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GOD STARTS A RELATIONSHIP

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Genesis 12:1-9

THE STORY OF ABRAHAM

The call of Abraham

12:1 Yahweh said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you.

12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

12:3 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

12:4 So Abram went as Yahweh told him, and Lot went with him.

12:5 Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the

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possessions they had amassed and the people they had acquired in Haran. They set off for the land of Canaan, and arrived there.

12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as Shechem's holy place, the Oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

12:7 Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, 'It is to your descendants that I will give this land'. So Abram built there an altar for Yahweh who had appeared to him.

12:8 From there, he moved on to the mountainous district east of Bethel, where he pitched his tent, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built an altar to Yahweh and invoked the name of Yahweh.

12:9 Then Abram made his way stage by stage to the Negeb.

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CHILDREN OF GOD

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Galatians 3:23-29

The coming of faith

3:23 Before faith came, we were allowed no freedom by the Law; we were being looked after till faith was revealed.

3:24 The Law was to be our guardian until the Christ came and we could be justified by faith.

3:25 Now that that time has come we are no longer under that guardian,

3:26 and you are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

3:27 All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ,

3:28 and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

3:29 Merely by belonging to Christ you are the posterity of Abraham, the heirs he was promised.

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6:5 If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection.

6:6 We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin.

6:7 When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

6:8 But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him:

The reward of sin and the reward of holiness

6:20 When you were slaves of sin, you felt no obligation to righteousness,

6:21 and what did you get from this? Nothing but experiences that now make you blush, since that sort of behaviour ends in death.

6:22 Now, however, you have been set free from sin, you have been made slaves of God, and you get a reward leading to your sanctification and ending in eternal life.

6:23 For the wage paid by sin is death; the present given by God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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GOD RESCUES GOD'S PEOPLE

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Exodus 6:1-8

6:1 Then Yahweh said to Moses, 'You will see now how I shall punish Pharaoh. He will be forced to let them go; yes, he will be forced to send them out of his land.'

Another account of the call of Moses

6:2 God spoke to Moses and said to him, 'I am Yahweh.

6:3 To Abraham and Isaac and Jacob I appeared as El Shaddai; I did not make myself known to them by my name Yahweh.

6:4 Also, I made my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land they lived in as strangers.

6:5 And I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, enslaved by the Egyptians and have remembered my covenant.

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6:6 Say this, then, to the sons of Israel, "I am Yahweh. I will free you of the burdens which the Egyptians lay on you. I will release you from slavery to them, and with my arm outstretched and my strokes of power I will deliver you.

6:7 I will adopt you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that it is I, Yahweh your God, who have freed you from the Egyptians' burdens.

6:8 Then I will bring you to the land I swore that I would give to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and will give it to you for your own; I, Yahweh, will do this!"

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*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

THE PROMISE

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Romans 6:1-8, 20-23

Baptism

6:1 Does it follow that we should remain in sin so as to let grace have greater scope?

6:2 Of course not. We are dead to sin, so how can we continue to live in it?

6:3 You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death;

6:4 in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

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7:19 with the result that instead of doing the good things I want to do, I carry out the sinful things I do not want.

7:20 When I act against my will, then, it is not my true self doing it, but sin which lives in me.

7:21 In fact, this seems to be the rule, that every single time I want to do good it is something evil that comes to hand.

7:22 In my inmost self I dearly love God's Law, but

7:23 I can see that my body follows a different law that battles against the law which my reason dictates. This is what makes me a prisoner of that law of sin which lives inside my body.

7:24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death?

7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! In short, it is I who with my reason serve the Law of God, and no less I who serve in my unspiritual self the law of sin'.

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A SACRIFICE FOR SIN

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Leviticus Chapter 4

The Sacrifice for Sin

4:1 Yahweh spoke to Moses; he said:

4:2 'Speak to the sons of Israel and say: "A man may sin inadvertently against any one of the commandments of Yahweh and do one of the forbidden things; in such a case:

a. Sins of the high priest

4:3 "If the one who sins is the anointed priest, thus making the people guilty, then for the sin which he has committed he is to offer to Yahweh a young bull, an animal from the herd without blemish, as a sacrifice for sin.

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4:4 He is to bring the bull before Yahweh at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, he is to lay his hand on its head and immolate it before Yahweh.

4:5 Then the anointed priest must take a little of the blood of the bull and take it into the Tent of Meeting.

4:6 He shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it over the veil of the sanctuary seven times, before Yahweh.

4:7 Then the priest must put a little of the blood of the bull on the horns of the altar of incense that smokes before Yahweh in the Tent of Meeting, and he is to pour all the rest of the bull's blood at the foot of the altar of holocaust at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

4:8 "Of all the fat of this bull offered as a sacrifice for sin, this is what he will remove: the fat that covers the entrails, all the fat that is on the entrails,

4:9 the two kidneys, the fat that is on them and on the loins, the fatty mass which he will remove from the liver and kidneys -

4:10 exactly as was done with the portion set apart in the communion sacrifice - and the priest must burn these on the altar of holocaust.

4:11 "The bull's skin, all its flesh, its head, entrails and dung,

4:12 the whole of the bull, must be carried outside the camp to a place that is clean, the place where the ashes from the fat are thrown away, and the bull must be burnt there.

b. Sins of the community of Israel

4:13 "If the whole community of Israel has sinned inadvertently, and without being aware of it has done

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THE PREDICAMENT

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Romans 7:14-25

The inward struggle

7:14 The Law, of course, as we all know, is spiritual; but I am unspiritual; I have been sold as a slave to sin.

7:15 I cannot understand my own behaviour. I fail to carry out the things I want to do, and I find myself doing the very things I hate.

7:16 When I act against my own will, that means I have a self that acknowledges that the Law is good,

7:17 and so the thing behaving in that way is not my self but sin living in me.

7:18 The fact is, I know of nothing good living in me - living, that is, in my unspiritual self - for though the will to do what is good is in me, the performance is not,

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The condition of following Christ

8:34 He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.

8:35 For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

8:36 What gain, then, is it for a man to win the whole world and ruin his life?

8:37 And indeed what can a man offer in exchange for his life?

8:38 For if anyone in this adulterous and sinful generation is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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something that is forbidden by the commandments of Yahweh,

4:14 the community is to offer a young bull as a sacrifice for sin, an animal of the herd without blemish, when the sin of which they have been guilty is discovered. The animal must be brought before the Tent of Meeting;

4:15 before Yahweh the elders of the community shall lay their hands on the bull's head, and it must be immolated before Yahweh.

4:16 "Then the anointed priest is to carry a little of the blood of the bull into the Tent of Meeting.

4:17 He is to dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle the veil before Yahweh seven times.

4:18 Then he must put a little of the blood on the horns of the altar that stands before Yahweh inside the Tent of Meeting, and then pour out all the rest of the blood at the foot of the altar of holocaust at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

4:19 "Then he is to remove all the fat from the animal and burn it on the altar.

4:20 He must treat this bull as he did the other for the sacrifice of sin. It is to be treated in the same way; and when the priest has performed the rite of atonement over the people, they will be forgiven.

4:21 "He must have the bull taken out of the camp and burn it as he burned the first one. This is the sacrifice for the sin of the community.

c. Sins of leaders in the community

4:22 "When a leader sins and inadvertently does one of the things forbidden by the commandments of Yahweh his God, thus rendering himself guilty

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4:23 (or if anyone draws his attention to the sin thus committed), he is to bring a goat as an offering, a male without blemish.

4:24 He is to lay his hand on the goat's head and immolate it in the place where the holocausts are immolated before Yahweh. This is a sacrifice for sin:

4:25 the priest is to take a little of the victim's blood on his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of holocaust. Then he must pour out its blood at the foot of the altar of holocaust

4:26 and burn all the fat on the altar, as with the fat in the communion sacrifice. This is how the priest is to perform the rite of atonement over this leader to free him from his sin, and he will be forgiven.

d. Sins of private individuals

4:27 "If one of the people sins inadvertently and makes himself guilty by doing something forbidden by the commandments of Yahweh

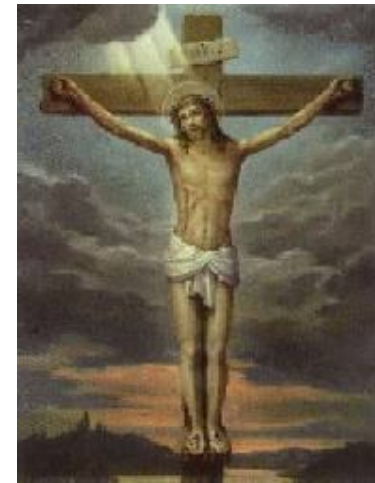
4:28 (or if anyone draws his attention to the sin he has committed), he is to bring a she-goat as an offering for the sin he has committed, a female without blemish.

4:29 He is to lay his hand on the victim's head and immolate it in the place where the holocausts are immolated.

4:30 The priest is to take a little of its blood on his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of holocaust. Then he must pour out all the rest of the blood at the foot of the altar.

4:31 Then he is to remove all the fat, as the fat was removed for the communion sacrifice, and the priest shall burn it on the altar as an appeasing fragrance for Yahweh.

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A NEW SACRIFICE

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Mark 8:31-38

First prophecy of the Passion

8:31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again;

8:32 and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.

8:33 But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

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3:18 No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

3:19 On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

3:20 And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;

3:21 but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God;'

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This is how the priest is to perform the rite of atonement over the man, and he will be forgiven.

4:32 "If he wishes to bring a lamb as an offering for this kind of sacrifice, he is to bring a female without blemish.

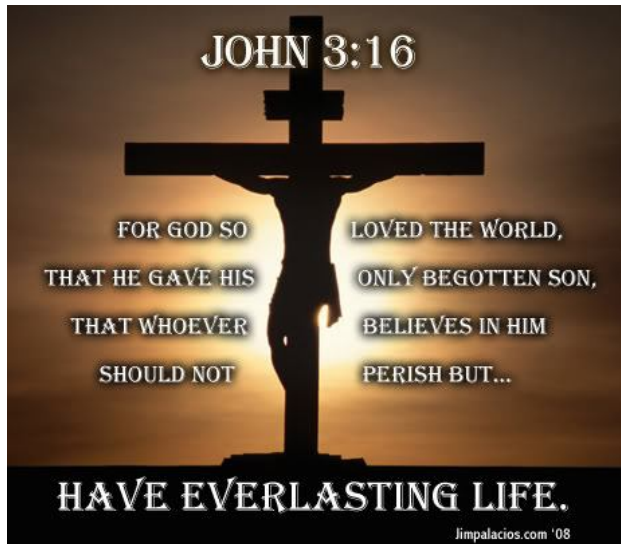
4:33 He is to lay his hand on the victim's head and immolate it as a sacrifice for sin in the place where the holocausts are immolated.

4:34 The priest is to take a little of the blood of this sacrifice on his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of holocaust. Then he must pour out all the rest of the blood at the foot of the altar.

4:35 He is to remove its fat as was done for the sheep in the communion sacrifice, and the priest shall burn it all on the altar, in addition to the burnt offering for Yahweh. This is how the priest is to perform the rite of atonement over the man., and he will be forgiven.

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John 3:1-21

The conversation with Nicodemus

3:1 There was one of the Pharisees called Nicodemus, a leading Jew,

3:2 who came to Jesus by night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who comes from God; for no one could perform the signs that you do unless God were with him'.

3:3 Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God'.

3:4 Nicodemus said, 'How can a grown man be born? Can he go back into his mother's womb and be born again?'

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3:5 Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God:

3:6 what is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7 Do not be surprised when I say: You must be born from above.

3:8 The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit.'

3:9 'How can that be possible?' asked Nicodemus.

3:10 'You, a teacher in Israel, and you do not know these things!' replied Jesus.

3:11 'I tell you most solemnly, we speak only about what we know and witness only to what we have seen and yet you people reject our evidence.

3:12 If you do not believe me when I speak about things in this world, how are you going to believe me when I speak to you about heavenly things?

3:13 No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up

3:14 as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

3:15 so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

3:16 Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

3:17 For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.