

# The Day of Atonement

**BUILDING  
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## SEARCHING FOR THE KING

Once a year, the high priest of Israel would go inside the Most Holy Place of the tabernacle “to make atonement.” **Leviticus 16** provides all sorts of instructions about this annual “Day of Atonement”:

- **16:1-4**: how the high priest was to come into the Most Holy Place, wearing the holy garments
- **16:6**: offering a bull as a sacrifice for his own sins
- **16:5-10**: bringing two goats to the tabernacle; sacrificing one for the people’s sins and sending the other one into the wilderness as a “scapegoat”

Before he let the scapegoat go, the high priest would lay both his hands on the goat’s head, confessing all the sins of the people of Israel. Listen to what God said:

“And he shall \_\_\_\_\_ them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. The goat shall \_\_\_\_\_ all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.” (**Leviticus 16:21-22**)

### What did it all mean? What was happening?

“For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your \_\_\_\_\_.” (**Leviticus 16:30**)

### But what does this have to do with our King?

...the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ on him the iniquity of us all. (**Isa 53:6**)

Jesus, our King, was led “out” of Jerusalem to a place called Golgotha, the Place of a Skull (**Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:20; John 19:17**). Listen carefully to **Hebrews 13:10-12**:

We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned \_\_\_\_\_ the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own \_\_\_\_\_.

Without Jesus, our sins couldn’t be forgiven. **Thank God for Jesus our King!**

# FOUNDATION STONES



## KEY WORD Building Blocks:

- We heard a lot about “**atonement**” today. But what **IS** atonement?
- Another **BIG** word we see in our Bibles that’s a lot like “**atonement**” is “**propitiation.**” Let’s open our Bibles together to [1 John 2:1-2](#). What is the good news we find in those verses? After reading those verses, what do you think “**propitiation**” means?
- Before we leave our study of the tabernacle, the priests, and all of those sacrifices, what do we need to understand about Jesus and what he has done for all of us?

