This plan of God would be completed---Jesus took our place on the Cross, He not only knew of the plan; He predicted it. Scripture says His bones would not be broken Exodus 12:46.He would be pierced Psalm 22:16; they would gamble for His garments Psalm 22:18; He would call out to His Father 22:1; He would be raised to life 16:10; and He would ascend into Heaven 110:1.

When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, animals had to be slain to cover their shame. Millions of animal sacrifices afterward only covered sin momentarily. God's perfect plan of Atonement would be to offer the perfect sacrifice of His Son. When Abraham intended to sacrifice his son, God provided a substitute to take Isaac's place---just as He provided His Son to take our place. Hebrews 9:28 NKJV "Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many."

Sin is as offensive to God now, as it was to Him then---He would be justified in destroying the entire world. Any attitude of rebellion in our heart must be revealed and reversed. God cannot tolerate sin, and He took drastic measures to deal with it. He knows what sin would do to us, if there is no change of heart in us---we must repent and make corrections when they are known.

The eternal sacrifice for sin had to be a perfect Lamb of God, just as the blood on the doors in Egypt was a perfect plan of protection Exodus 12. No animal is flawless, so no offering would be adequate. Only God Himself could be a perfect sacrifice, so Jesus, as God in nature, would die for the sins of the world---no one is excluded; so, everyone could be included.

Many then did not understand the prophecies, so Jesus had to say Luke 24:25-26 AV, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?"

The sacrifice of the Son, for the sins of the world, was the plan from the start. 1 Peter 1:10 NIV "Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."

At the temple, Luke 2:34-35 AV "Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary His mother, behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Jesus was brutally beaten and unjustly crucified to offer us forgiveness---that should change our heart by having a forgiving spirit. Romans 6:2 NIV "We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

Resentful attitudes, unscriptural decisions, wrong choices, and rebellion against God must be repented of, confessed, forsaken, and then asking God to bring about a change in us. Forgiveness and cleansing of heart are available to anyone willing to believe and trust God. John said John 1:29 NKJV, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

A Changed Heart, is a Changed Life---Anyone can change---but that is their decision. 1 Corinthians 5:7 AV, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." Jesus took our place on the Cross, to deliver us from the grip of sin---Isaiah 53:4 AV "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Jesus predicted everything before it happened---He knew, as God, that He had to take our place, so we could have a changed heart. All too often Isaiah 53:6 AV "we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way"---but God is loving and merciful, so "the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Now we can change our priorities and claim the victory in Jesus.

God approved of the sacrifice because on Matthew 20:19 AV "The third day he shalt rise again." By that perfect sacrifice of Atonement, God provides all we need to deal with the issues of life---every need every day supplied by trusting God in faith; healing by faith in the sacrifice of Christ; victory over resentment by the power of His Spirit; and protection from harm by the covering of the Blood.

His sacrifice provides a solution to our sin debt---but we will have to believe that it did and then act in faith on what it accomplished. John 1:12 AV "As many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Atonement for our sin was completed, when Jesus said, "It is finished." John 19:30 AV

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