

Temple to Tomb

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"The Altar"
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With Easter one week away, we continue our **search for Jesus** in the Old Testament.

The **furnishings** of the ancient tabernacle and temple **reveal Jesus**.

The original **altar** supported the **ministry** of the tabernacle.

Exodus 27:1-3

"Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze. Make all its utensils of bronze—its pots to remove the ashes, and its shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans."

The first temple's altar was **massive**.

2 Chronicles 4:1

He made a bronze altar twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide and ten cubits high.

For centuries, the sins of the people were **atoned for** on that altar.

Leviticus 9:7

Moses said to Aaron, "Come to the altar and sacrifice your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and the people; sacrifice the offering that is for the people and make atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded."

Jesus is not so much the **manifestation** of the altar – He is the **sacrifice ON** the altar.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

He **died** for our **sins**.

Isaiah 53:4-7

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

We no longer are **condemned** for our sin.

We now **sacrifice** ourselves.

Mark 8:34-37

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

Give Him your **sin** – give Him your **life**.