

One Man, One Day, One Way
Leviticus 16:6-22

Thousands of years before Christ, God broadcasted a detailed message about His coming plan of salvation. It is recorded in **Lev. 16:6-22**, the institution of Yom Kippur—the Day of Atonement.

Throughout the year, the Tabernacle was a place to offer daily sacrifices for individual sins. Once a year on Yom Kippur, the High Priest wasn't just sacrificing for individual sins. He was purging the Tabernacle of the accumulated pollution caused by the collective moral and ritual failures of the entire nation over the past year. It guaranteed that a Holy God could continue dwelling in the midst of an imperfect people without destroying them.

One goat was sacrificed to cleanse the sanctuary from the contamination of the people's sins, demonstrating that sin carries a deadly cost. Then the High Priest placed on the Scapegoat, all the iniquities of Israel, and sent it out into the wilderness, providing a visual drama: their sins were not just forgiven; they were physically removed and carried away forever. Only the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place, only on this day.

In **Leviticus 16**, He broadcast a detailed message about His coming way of salvation. When Jesus came, those who knew and submitted to the Scriptures looked at Him on the Cross and said, "I know that Face. That is the Rescuer God showed us in the shadow of the sanctuary."

Paul wrote in **1 Tim. 2:5-6**, "there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people." Unfortunately, we live in a time filled with people who think they can pick and choose the god they like and devise or select a way of approaching him that suits them like Aaron's sons did. But we who know Jesus know better because we had ears to hear the broadcast of God in the Scriptures. That's why we praise Him in worship today. We stand before His cross and proclaim, "That's Him! He is the High Priest. He is the Sacrifice. He is the Scapegoat we were told was coming."