

## SERMON: GENESIS – ISAAC (Genesis 22)

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God makes an unthinkable request of Abraham – to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. But a human sacrifice can never atone for human sins. God Himself must provide the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

*“The fire and the wood are here,’ Isaac said, ‘but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?’” – Genesis 22:7*

**The Test:** *“Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there...” – Genesis 22:2*

- **A stress test indicates the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart.**

**The Talk:** *“God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” – Genesis 22:8*

- **God will provide the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Thorns:** *“Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns.” – Genesis 22:13*

- **the Lamb that would be slaughtered was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” – John 1:29*

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb  
There' adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear Him cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

- *Go to Dark Gethsemane, LSB 436*

*“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” – Revelation 7:10*

- **Our God provided the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_.**



### Questions for individual or group reflection:

What is the greatest sacrifice you have ever made?

Is it harder to give away something you only have one of? Why?

What emotions does God's request of Abraham in Genesis 22 raise in you?

Compare God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his firstborn son to God's command in Exodus 13:1.

How do stressful tests increase your strength?

How do they increase your faith?

What do you think Abraham was teaching his son Isaac through His radical obedience to God?

How comforting to Abraham was God's promise to provide a lamb?

How comforted are you by God's promise to provide for you?

Does God continue to require the sacrifice of animals today? Why or why not?

What are the comparisons between Jesus and the ram caught in the thicket in Genesis 22?

Why did God require sacrifices in the first place?

What would be your defense if not for Jesus?

How comforted are you by your forgiveness in Christ?

How does the imagery of the Victorious Lamb in Revelation 7 make you feel?

Take some time to thank God for providing His only Son as the sacrificial Lamb – for you.

### Taking it home / Memory Verse:

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” – John 1:29*



# GENESIS

ISAAC



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GENESIS 22:7-8



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- Genesis 22:2



“Every firstborn male in Israel, whether human or animal, is mine.”

NUMBERS 8:17



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“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds.”

JAMES 1:2



# THE TALK...

“God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”

- Genesis 22:8



God will provide the LAMB.



# Yahweh-Yireh

“the LORD will  
provide”

Genesis 22:14









# THE THORNS...

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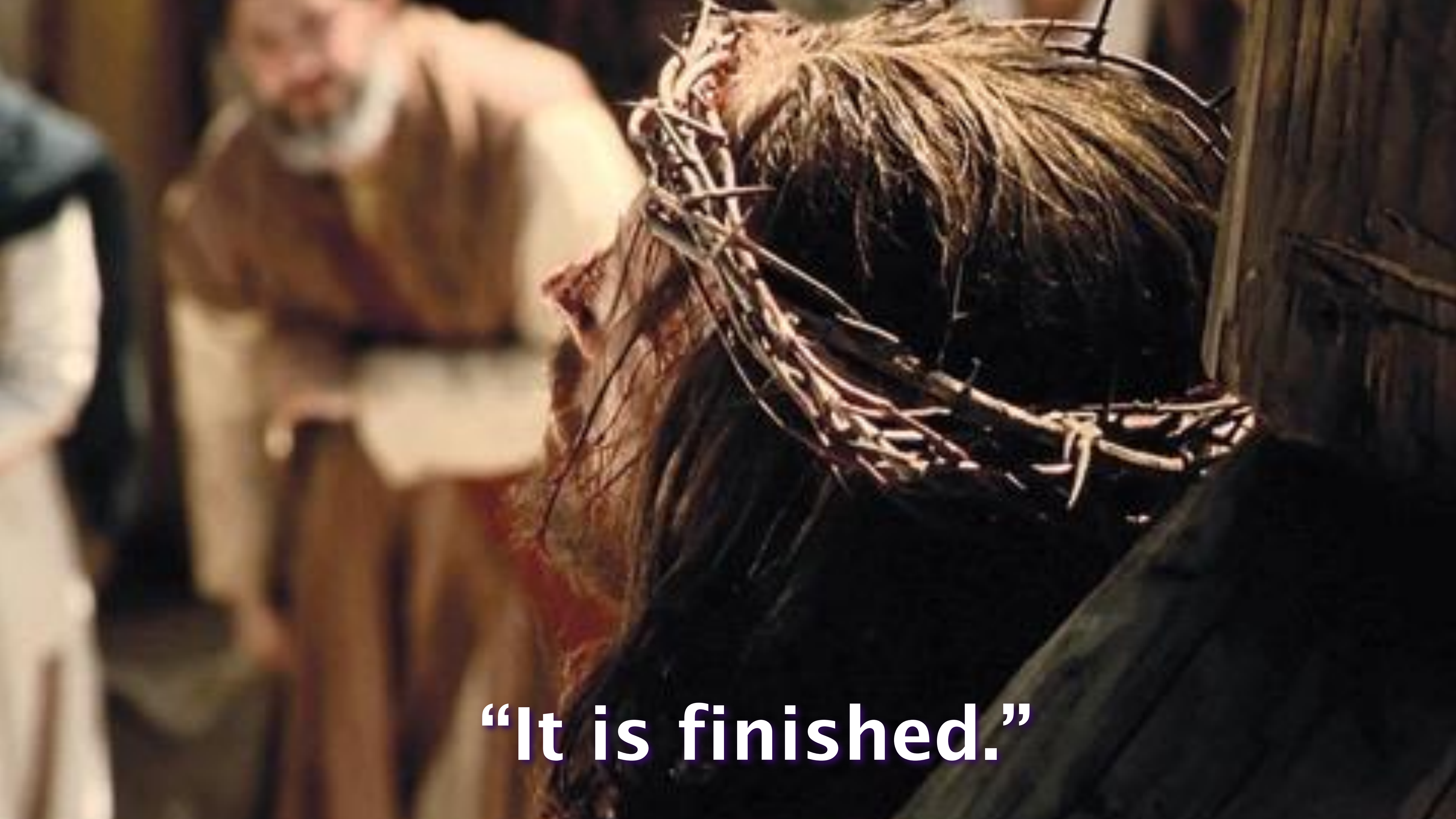
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“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

ROMANS 6:23





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REVELATION 7:10



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