

# Sermon Outline

## GOD THE SON WHO SAVES US | Geoff Lin

**Bible Reading:** Mark 2:1-12

**Delighting in the Trinity:** (1) When  $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$  ... (2) God the Father who loves us ...

Mt 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

### 1. Who can forgive my sin?

Ps 51 *For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.* 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;** so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Mk 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**"

- the myth of "victimless crimes"

- why Christians are not allowed to hold grudges (Mt 18:21-35; Lk 23:34)

### 2. Who can bear my sin?

i. the Passover

ii. the Day of Atonement

Lev 16:20 When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. 21 **He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head.** He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. 22 The **goat will carry on itself all their sins** to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.

Heb 10:1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2 Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. 3 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. 4 **It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

iii. we need someONE else not just someTHING else to stand in our place ...

Is 53:6 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.

2 Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Jn 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!"

"In the substitutionary view, atonement is a transaction between God and God; between the Father and the Son through the Spirit ... Salvation starts with God, is achieved by God and is applied by God .... atonement is inescapably Trinitarian because the atonement is only comprehensible if God is a Trinity of persons. If God were not a Trinity, who would offer the sacrifice to God? And if God were to offer it, who would receive it?" (T Chester, *Delighting in the Trinity*, p.149)

- if it's all been paid, you have nothing left to fear!

### Q1. At the cross, is the Trinity "broken"? Does the Father punish the Son?

Mt 27:46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**").

Jn 3:35 **The Father loves the Son** and has placed everything in his hands.

Jn 14:30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, 31 but the world must learn that **I love the Father** and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

"We must not, then, speak of God punishing Jesus or of Jesus persuading God, for to do so is to set them over against each other as if they acted independently of each other or were even in conflict with each other. We must never make Christ the object of God's punishment or God the object of Christ's persuasion, for both God and Christ were subjects not objects, taking the initiative together to save sinners. Whatever happened on the cross in terms of "God-forsakenness" was voluntarily accepted by both in the same holy love which made atonement necessary." (John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*, p.151)

Jn 16:31 "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. 32 "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. **Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.**

### Q2. Which is harder to believe about Jesus: that He is fully human or fully God?

- "Fully Man. Fully God. Fully Sic. Heaps Good!"

"Anselm was right that only *man should* make reparation for his sins, since it is he who has defaulted. And he was equally right that only *God could* make the necessary reparation, since it is he who has demanded it. Jesus Christ is therefore the only Saviour, since he is the only person in whom the "should" and the "could" are united, being himself both God and man." (J Stott, *The Cross of Christ*, pp.157-8)

### The Athanasian Creed

For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and made of the substance of His mother, born in the world. Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood. Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.** 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.