



FRIDAY 21

A ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL SACRIFICE



And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many... (Hebrews 9:27-28).

Our underlined portion in the verses above, as rendered in the King James version, seems to suggest that once upon a time, Christ was offered to take away the sins of many. But that's not what it's saying; the actual rendering is that Christ was offered once and for all for the sins of humanity. Some other translations render it correctly, for example, the ESV. It says, ***“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many...”*** (Hebrews 9:27-28).

This means there isn't any other sacrifice for sin; it will never be necessary again. Jesus has already been sacrificed, and with that one sacrifice, it was all done. Hallelujah! It was a once-and-for-all-time sacrifice. The preceding verse 26 says, ***“...he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”*** He was the sacrifice. He sacrificed Himself, not something else, not someone else. Hebrews 10:12-14 says, ***“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God...For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”*** He has perfected you forever through that one sacrifice.

Before Jesus came, the Jews offered sacrifices year