

## ***Behold the Lamb 10***

*Had Jesus not insisted that God doesn't require payment" for his love, nor the kind of pay back required by the world's systems of 'justice', he would not have suffered the opposition that put him to death.* But he did insist that, and so was killed as a kind of 'scapegoat.' In the Old Testament, the sins of the people were symbolically transferred or laid onto an actual live goat, which was then driven away from the people into the desert as a way for them to be freed from their sins. In this, only the goat had to die, bearing on itself the sins of the people, rather than the people themselves. The scapegoat, who had done nothing wrong, became the guilty one, rather than the people; it "paid the price" for sin so the people didn't have to. When Jesus insisted that God does not require any kind of payment for his love or pay back for sin he threatened to undo and overturn the religious system that required endless sacrifices, offerings, and scapegoats. In threatening this system, he also threatened the leaders and power-holders of that religious system. And those who threaten power pay the price.

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