

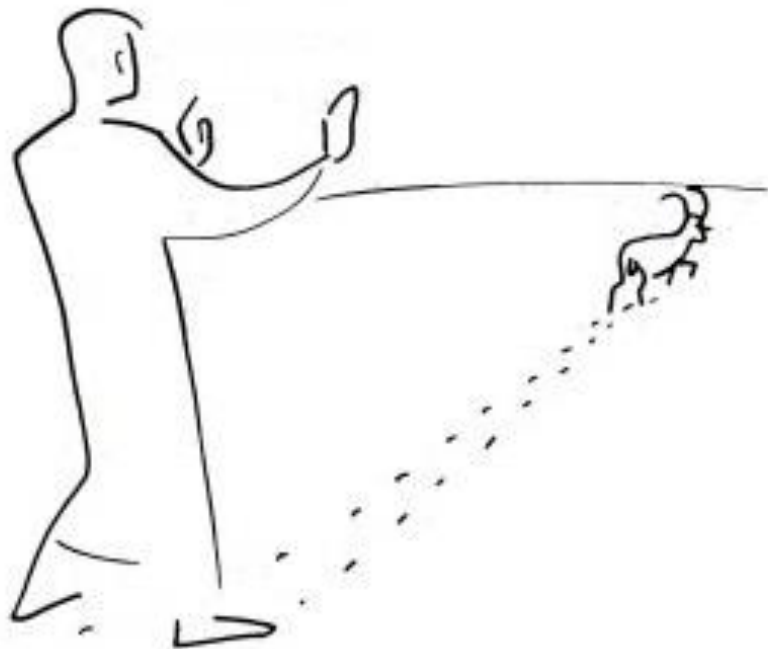
Undo

- Why is the “undo” feature so valuable in technology?
- When might we want an “undo” feature in life?
- How much might we give?

God offers us something far better than “undo”

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Carried Away
Leviticus 16
ref.ly/Le16;niv



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In Ancient Israel: When the people sinned

"Sin" =

- doing or saying what they knew they should not
- not doing or saying what they knew they should

"As a penalty for the sin they have committed, they must bring to the Lord a female lamb or goat from the flock as **a sin offering**; and the **priest shall make atonement** for them for their sin."

Leviticus 5:6

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A crisis in the priesthood

"**Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu** took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, **contrary to his command**.² So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.³ Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke of when he said: "Among those who approach me **I will be proved holy** in the sight of all the people I will be honored.'" Aaron remained silent."

Leviticus 10:1-3

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Leviticus 16:1-2

The Lord spoke to Moses **after the death of the two sons of Aaron** who died when they approached the Lord. ² The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. **For I will appear** in the cloud over the atonement cover.

**How are sinful people to approach a holy God?
→ God is the only source of life**

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Leviticus 16:11

"Aaron shall bring the bull **for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household,** and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering.

Priests had to sacrifice first for themselves

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Leviticus 16:16-17, 18

[By sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice in the Most Holy Place], he will **make atonement for the Most Holy Place** because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the tent of meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ...

Then he shall come out to **the altar** that is before the Lord and **make atonement for it.**

Sacrifices were needed even for Most Holy Place and the altar!!

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Leviticus 16:20-22

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.

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Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Where do the sin and guilt go?

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1 Peter 2:24

"[Jesus Christ] himself bore our sins" in his body
on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live
for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been
healed."

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Colossians 2:13-14

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, **nailing it to the cross**

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Hebrews 9:26b-28

But [Jesus Christ] has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages **to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.** Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once **to take away the sins of many;** and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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The Big Idea

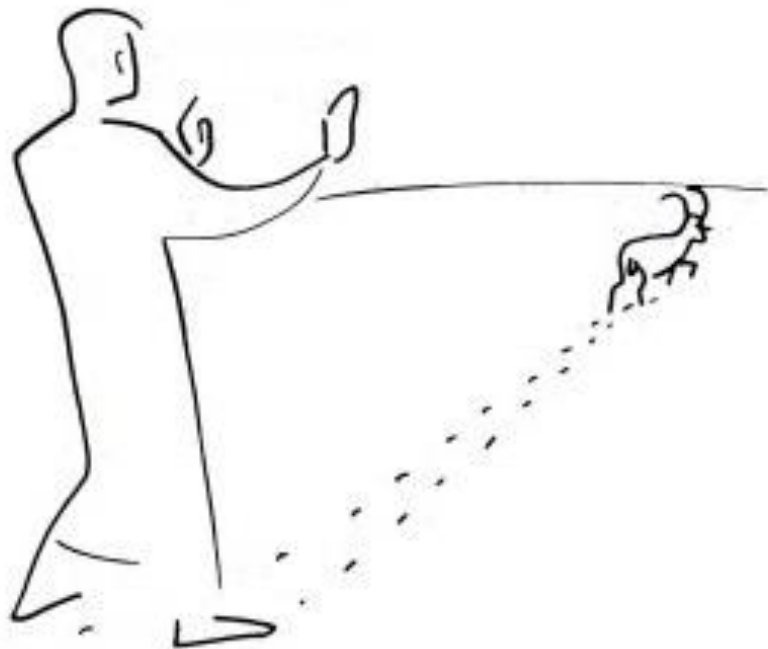
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Sometimes a
tangible expression
is what we need

Confess sins onto
the goat's head

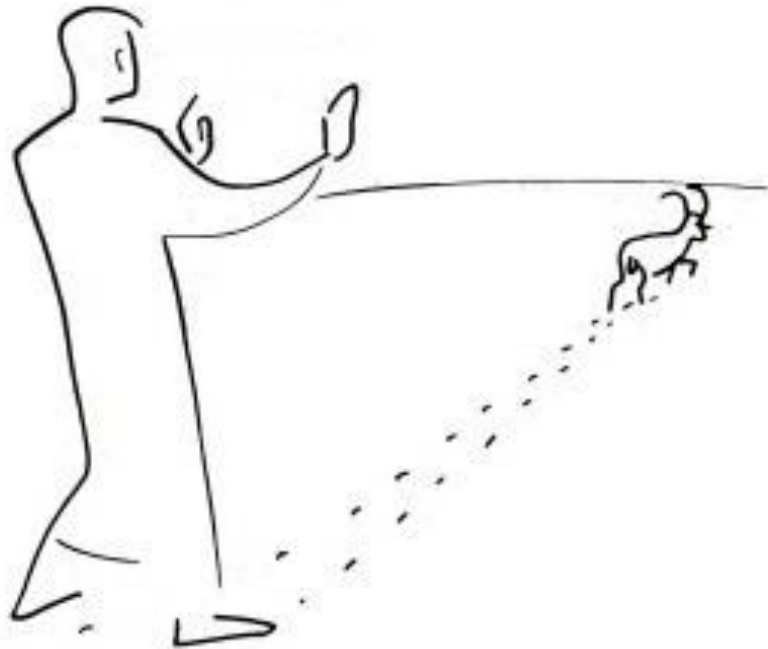
See the goat walk
away, never to be
seen again



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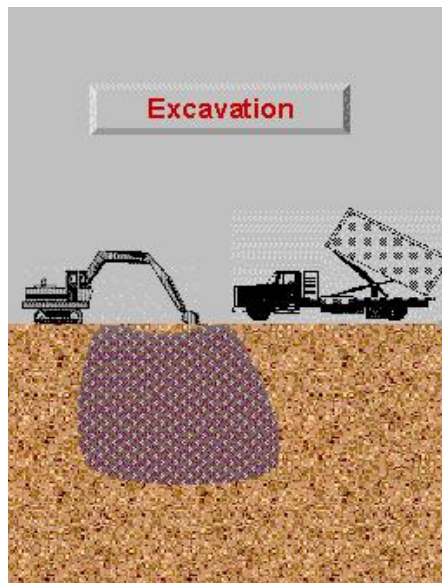
Jesus didn't merely
carry the sins away
He destroyed them
and their power
Gone forever!



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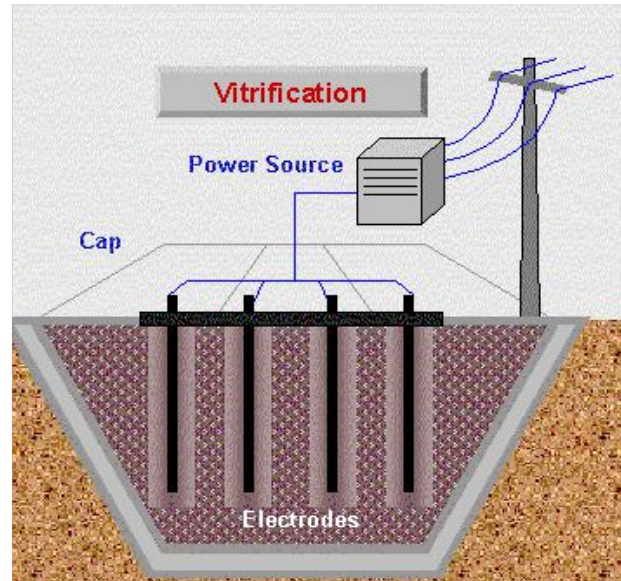
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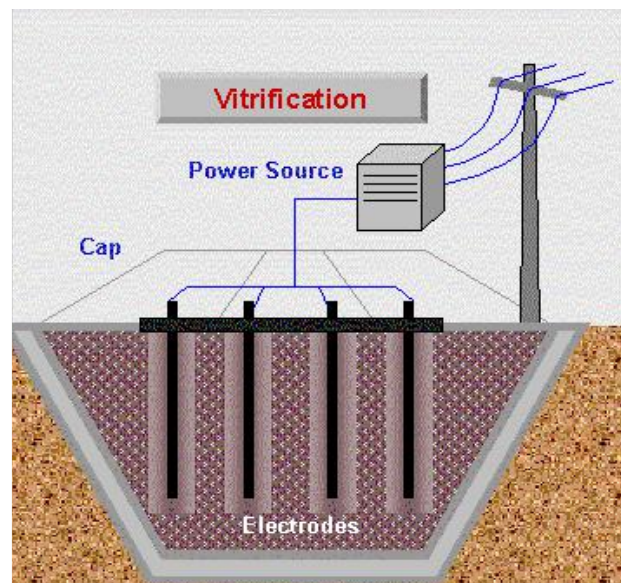
Turned to glass
 Contained forever
 No more leaking or
 contamination!



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Dealing with contaminated soil

Jesus wrapped Himself
 around our sin
 Fully containing it in Himself
 Then He **destroyed** it
 on the cross **forever!**
 And He gave us His
 righteousness!
Oh, the joy of this grace!



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The Big Idea

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Application

**Repent and have our sins wiped out,
carried away, destroyed forever**

- **‘Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.’ Acts 3:19-20**
- **Boldly claim it by faith**

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Application

Repent and have our sins wiped out, carried away, destroyed forever

- “Many Christians live perpetually doubting whether they have been truly forgiven.”
- This is a lie from the devil who is the accuser
- It is an act of faith to accept true forgiveness
- Perhaps a tangible expression will help

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Application

Having been forgiven, now pursue godliness

- “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2

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- “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

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Our Core Value

Superabounding grace and complete obedience to Jesus

God’s forgiveness (grace)
brings a deep hunger for godliness

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” *Matthew 5:6*

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Application

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- Journey together ← **Please reach out**
- “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore **confess your sins to each other and pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of **a righteous person** is powerful and effective.” James 5:15-16

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Better than undo:

- Sin and guilt destroyed completely, forever
- God uses it for good and for His glory
- Given Christ's righteous...with our name on it!
- The Spirit brings transformation

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