

Shadows, Sources, and Certainties

Just Jesus Pt. 8

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Community Group Questions:

1. What's the difference between shadow and substance?
 2. Look at the list of common shadows. Which shadow are you tempted to live in?
 3. Read Hebrews 10:1-39.
 4. What thoughts does the idea of you slaying your own sacrifice conjure up in your mind?
 5. With the imagery of Jesus' body as the curtain that blocked the Most Holy Place, read John 14:6. What truth is the author conveying to us?
 6. Read Hebrews 10:26-29 and 10: 39. What are some takeaways from this?
 7. Look at the list of real substance. Which one is most encouraging to you? Why?
 8. **BONUS ROUND:** Have a moment of transparency and share with your group how and where you are holding firm and where you may be struggling. Pray for one another.
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Shadows are shapes without **SUBSTANCE**.

It's easy to settle for a life in the shadows without **SUBSTANCE**.

Common Shadows:

1. The Purpose Shadow: "I can be whatever I want."
2. The Morality Shadow: "Just be a good person."
3. The Individualism Shadow: "Just follow your heart."
4. The Love Shadow: "Love is love."
5. The Sex Shadow: "My pleasure, my way."
6. The Money Shadow: "It will secure me, satisfy me, and give me significance."
7. The Politics Shadow: "Power will fix this world."
8. The Spirituality Shadow: "I will earn my salvation."

Let the shadow lead you to **REAL** substance.

Colossians 2:16-17 *Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

Hebrews 10:1-4 *The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. 2 For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 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.***

Hebrews 10:11-14 *Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.* ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ ***For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.***

QUANTITY living is exhausting.

Hebrews 10:19-22b *Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,* ²¹ *and since we have a great priest over the house of God,* ²² ***let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings...***

JEREMIAD: describing a future to ensure it never happens.

Hebrews 10:26-29 *If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,* ²⁷ *but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.* ²⁸ *Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.* ²⁹ *How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?*

Hebrews 10:35-39 *So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.* ³⁶ *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised...* **39** ***But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.***

Real Substance:

1. Purpose: Jesus shaped you for a purpose.
2. Morality: You can't be good without God.
3. Individualism: You are uniquely valuable to God.
4. Love: God is love.
5. Sex: God's design for sexuality is best.
6. Money: Only Jesus can secure you and satisfy you.
7. Politics: Jesus' power not a political power will fix this world.
8. Spirituality: Jesus offers salvation as a gift.

Bottom Line: Since our salvation is secure and certain, keep **HOLDING** firm to Christ.

