

## There's More to the Story

(Abel) (Genesis 4:1-10)

### ABEL

- 1.) Abel was a shepherd (Genesis 4:2)
- 2.) As a shepherd he presented his offering to God (Gen 4:2-4).
- 3.) Hated by His brother for righteousness and out of envy (Gen 4:5)
- 4.) Death was by murder (Gen 4:8)
- 5.) His sacrifice was the firstling or firstborn (Gen 4:4)
- 6.) His sacrifice was a lamb (Gen 4:4)
- 7.) His sacrifice was accepted (Heb 11:4)
- 8.) His sacrifice proved him righteous by faith (Heb 11:4)
- 9.) The blood of Abel speaks although dead (Heb 11:4)

### JESUS

- 1.) Jesus is our Shepherd (John 10:11,14)
- 2.) As shepherd He presented His offering to the God the Father (John 10:11)(Eph 5:2)
- 3.) Hated & handed over out of envy by His fellow Jews to be killed (Matt 27:18)
- 4.) Death by murder (Acts 2:23)
- 5.) Christ is the firstborn of all creation (Col 1:15)
- 6.) The perfect Lamb sacrifice (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- 7.) Resurrection is the sign His sacrifice was accepted (Acts 2:24)
- 8.) His sacrifice proved Him righteous (1 Peter 3:18) (Luke 23:47)(2 Cor 5:21). We are declared righteous by faith in His sacrifice (Galatians 2:16) (Romans 3:28)(Romans 4:3-5)(Phil 3:9)
- 9.) Blood of Jesus speaks better than Abel's on behalf of His sheep to those whom He has sprinkled with His blood (Heb 12:24) (1 Peter 1:2, 18-19).

Abel was a shepherd who offered a Lamb sacrifice to God which was accepted and pleasing to God. Abel's "innocent" blood which poured into the ground still speaks. However, Abel was a type and shadow pointing to Christ who is the the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God who was innocent and killed by envious and evil men. His sacrifice was pleasing to God and His blood will speak forever for His sheep!

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