

Week 9: *March 3 (Feb. 24–Mar. 2)*

- The “Scapegoat” to make atonement for sins
- The Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur
- “Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy”
- “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner.” (Lev. 19:9 and 23:22)
- “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.”
- “Do not put tattoo marks on yourselves”
- “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself...”
- Eye-for-an-eye
- “The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.” (NRSV: “tenants”)
- “If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger...”
- “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me” - the sin of hypocrisy
- “It is what comes out of a person that defiles them”
- Jesus lists: “sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly”
- Compare how this list is present in The Message: “obscenities, lusts, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, depravity, deceptive dealings, carousing, mean looks, slander, arrogance, foolishness
- “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs”
- The feeding of the 4000
- “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

- The Transfiguration - “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”
- Debate about Jesus as fully human, fully God, occupied the early church the first few centuries;
- “I believe; help my unbelief!”
- “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all”
- “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”
- “the two will become one flesh...Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate” So why is divorced “allowed”?
- “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”
- “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”
- “All things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27)
- “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- Psalm 41:1 - “Blessed are those who have regard for the weak”
- Psalm 45:4 - “In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice... A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom”
- Proverbs 10:22– “The blessing of the Lord brings wealth without painful toil for it.”