A photograph of a red animal skin, possibly a lamb, laid out on a cracked, grey stone surface. The skin is the central focus, with its legs and head area visible. Several white bones and dark shells are scattered around the skin. The overall scene is somber and evocative, likely representing the sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

A Brief History of Sin

Lamb of
God

Easter is seen as an “event”

“Think grapes not apples”

**Easter is the answer to the question of
sin and evil**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, **the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**” **John 1:29**



The History of Sin

“Did God really say..” Genesis 3:1

**Sin begins with doubt, which presents
us with a choice**

The History of Sin

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid** from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **Genesis 3:8**

**Sin separates us from a relationship
with God**

The History of Sin

But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, **and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.**” vs 9-10

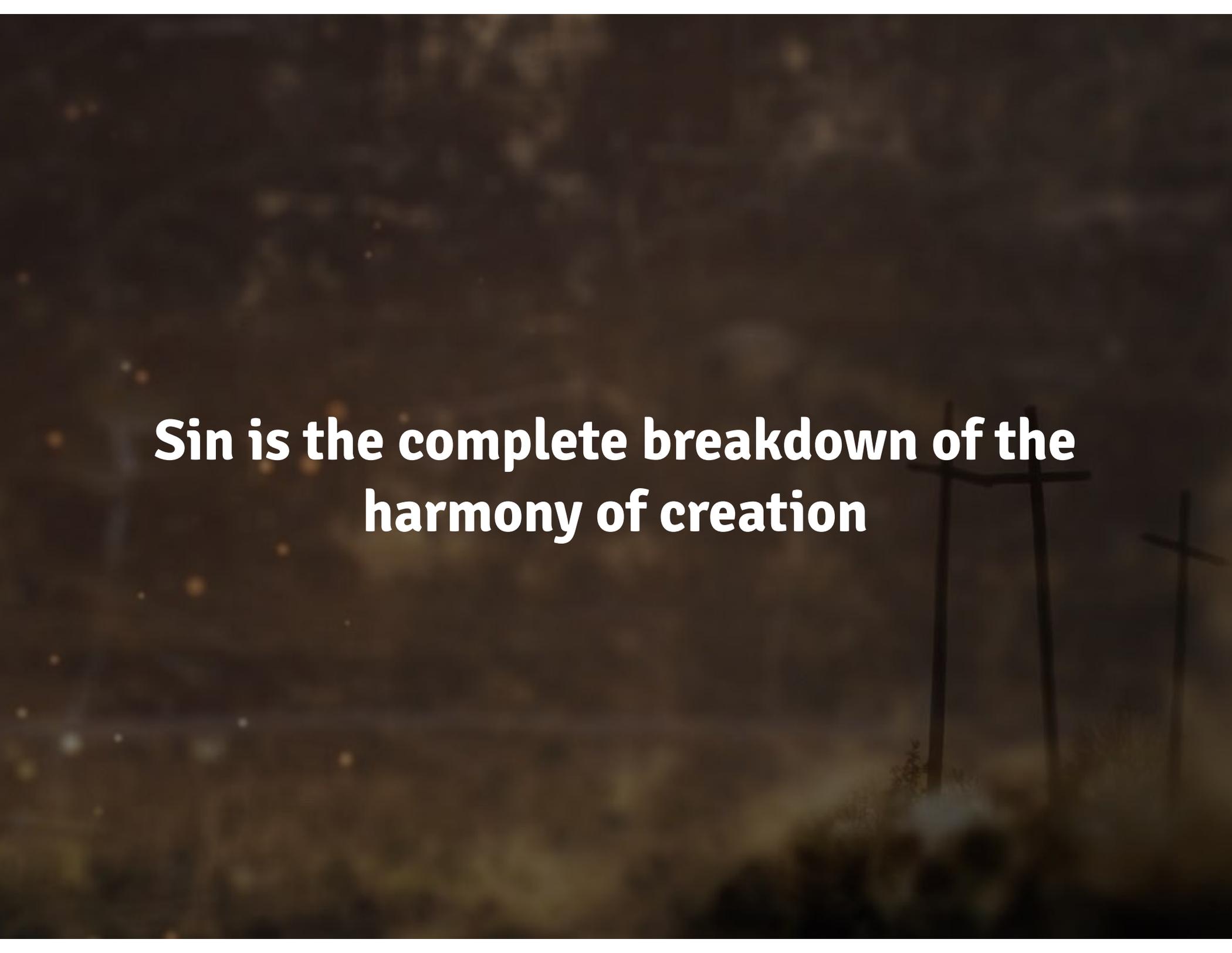
The man said, “**The woman you put here with me**—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” vs 12

Sin reveals our hearts, breaks relationship with one another and God

The History of Sin

The Lord God **made garments of skin**
for Adam and his wife and **clothed**
them. Genesis 3:21

This was the first step towards the cross

The background is a dark, atmospheric scene. The upper portion shows a starry sky with numerous small, bright points of light. In the lower portion, there are silhouettes of several crosses, likely a cemetery, set against a dark, hazy ground. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

**Sin is the complete breakdown of the
harmony of creation**

The History of Sin

**There are two prevailing metaphors for
sin throughout the bible**

Sin as a weight or burden

Sin as a debt

Easter answers both

Sins Severity, Easters Response

Easter is all about the consequences of sin

**Our culture views sin at worst a nuisance
(retrograde morality) and at best not our
fault (culture of victimhood)**

**The reason we cringe at the Old Testament
is because we downplay sin**

**The horror of sin is answered by the
intensity of the Hebrew sacrificial system**

**The Sacrificial system was put in place
as a visceral reminder (object lesson) of
the cost of sin**

Five Classes of Offerings

Burnt Offering (olah)-Atone for intentional sin

Grain Offering (minchah)-voluntary expression of devotion to God

Peace Offering (shelem)-expression of thanks to God

Sin Offering (chattath)-offering of atonement for unintentional sin

Guilt Offering (asham)-to make reparations for one's sin

not all sacrifices were about atoning for sin. God didn't want people to only come to Him when they'd done something wrong. **He didn't want His Tabernacle to be viewed like the principal's office at school.** He wanted it to be a place of joy where people could come not only to restore their relationship with Him, but also just to express their love for Him and worship Him in some tangible way.

Why Blood?

“I will set my face against any Israelite or any foreigner residing among them who eats blood, and I will cut them off from the people. **For the life of a creature is in the blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.” **Leviticus 17:10-11**

Life must pay for sin/death

Why Sin Must be Answered

Sin at it's core is the breaking of the image of God in us in three ways:

Sin affects you **Intellectually**: “but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.” **Romans 7:23**

Why Sin Must be Answered

Sin at it's core is the breaking of the image of God in us in three ways:

Sin affects you **Morally**: “They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.” **Titus 1:16**

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. **Romans 7:15**

Why Sin Must be Answered

Sin at it's core is the breaking of the image of God in us in three ways:

Sin affects you **Socially**:

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. **1 John 2:9**

You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? **1 Corinthians 3:3**

The Failure of the System

“The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?” says the Lord. **“I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.**

Isaiah 1:11

“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. **Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.** Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. **Amos 5:21-22**

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, **and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.** **Hosea 6:6**

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

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. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. vs 2-4

The History of Sin

**God
provided**

**God did not
abandon**

**The Lord God made garments of skin
for Adam and his wife and clothed
them. [Genesis 3:21](#)**

**God covered
the shame of
humanity**