Isaac: A Type of Christ

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**Foundational Scripture:** Genesis 22:1-18

**Intro**:

* There are many examples of typology in the scriptures. There is none, however, that is more important and well-noted in scripture than those referring to the coming of the Messiah. Recording numerous examples, the Old Testament scriptures place profound emphasis on the Seed of Abraham. Genesis 22 is a very famous story for obvious reasons and yet there was a part of that story that had not yet been fulfilled at the time. The story told would not just speak to the greatness and growth of Abraham’s faith, but it would arguably more importantly, demonstrate Isaac as a type of Christ.

**Isaac**

1. **The only beloved son of the father: Gen. 22:2, 12, 16**
   * Ishmael was also the son of Abraham, but he was sent away in the previous chapter along with his mom. Isaac was the son of promise therefore, this was his only beloved son.
2. **The willing sacrificial offering: Gen. 22:2, 9**
   * Isaac was to be taken, killed and offered as a burnt offering to God. The text seems to suggest that Isaac willingly lay on the altar probably heeding to the voice of his father, “The Lord will provide.” He gave himself willingly and offered no resistance.
3. **Carrying the symbol of death (Wood): Gen. 22:6**
   * One of the more striking facts of this story is that he carried the very thing that would be the cause for his death. Wood was an essential part of any burnt offering as stated in Lev. 1:1-17. Without the wood there could be no sacrifice. There is no way the sacrifice could be offered without the fire and without the wood there could be no fire.
4. **Offered up near Jerusalem (Moriah): Gen. 22:2**
   * The place designated for this sacrifice is a land named Moriah which is associated with a mountain range near Jerusalem (2 Chron. 3:1).
5. **Raised on the 3rd day: Gen. 22:4, 12; Heb. 11:17-19**
   * Perhaps the most striking point of this story is the talk of a resurrection which is not even recorded here in Genesis. It is the Hebrew writer that speaks to us concerning the resurrection that takes place in Genesis 22.

**Jesus**

1. **The only beloved Son of The Father: Matt. 3:16-17; Jn. 1:14, 18; 3:16**
   * God, like Abraham had another son (Luke 3:38). God’s son, Adam, turned against Him and so He sent him away. Jesus was truly the only beloved of the Father.
2. **The Willing Sacrificial Offering: Jn. 10:11, 15, 17-18; 18:4-12**
   * God sent Jesus on a mission to be our burnt offering. When the time came for His sacrificial offering, He gave Himself over willingly. An innocent Man convicted of nothing handed Himself over for death.
3. **Carrying the symbol of death (The Cross): Jn. 19:17**
   * Jesus, like Isaac carried the very thing that would be used to bring about His own death. Jesus took up on Himself, the shameful, humiliating symbol of the cross that He would be crucified on.
4. **Offered up near Jerusalem (Calvary): Mk. 15:22-24**
   * The place He was crucified was called: The place of the skull, Golgotha or Calvary. The location where Jesus met His fate was just outside Jerusalem.
5. **Raised on the 3rd day: Lk. 24:1-9**
   * After the crucifixion, there was an eerie sadness and lament floating around Jerusalem and its surrounding places. The Man who performed so many miracles and divine deeds was now dead after being killed on the cross, but it wouldn’t last for long. Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week!

**The Importance of Typology in Genesis 22**

1. God’s plan for the redemption of mankind through His Son, found its roots hundreds of years beforehand in the faithful of Israel: Gen. 12:1-3; Gen 22:15-18.
2. Jesus was offered up in our place: Gen. 22:13-14; 1 Pet. 2:24.
3. Through Him (Abraham’s Seed) we receive the blessing of being able to be reconciled with God: Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:6-29.
   1. **This is something only Jesus could do for us and Isaac never could. The story of Genesis 22 concerning Isaac was pointing to Jesus and it is Him we must look to!**