

The Sting of Death

Numbers 20:14-22, 21:4-9

John 3:1-21, 8:21-29, 12:23-36

The Old Testament story

- The people blame God for their circumstances
- Fiery snakes
- How snake venom attacks
- The cure
 - Bronze serpent
 - Only one bronze serpent
 - Placed out in the open
- The “standard”
- For whom was bronze serpent
- How healing occurred

The New Covenant meaning

- Sin – especially unbelief and complaining
- God punishes sin seriously
- Small outer manifestation, but spreads quickly inside
- Salvation
 - Jesus *became* the curse
 - There is only 1 way of salvation
 - Walk in the light
- The cross of Calvary
- The cross is only for sinners
- Look to Jesus (Isaiah 45:22)