

List of 25 ways Isaac was a type of Christ: Genesis 22

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” John 8:56

“Abraham received him back as a type.” Hebrews 11:17–19; Acts 20:28; Rev 5:9

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Introduction:

1. The substitutionary sacrifice of a ram in place of Isaac was a type of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ in place of us.
2. Child sacrifice was widely practiced at the time of Abraham in all cultures and religions of the world. When God ordered Abraham to sacrifice his own son, Abraham was not surprised and willingly complied, concluding it was normal. However, Abraham also reasoned that God would raise Isaac from the dead after he killed him, to fulfill the promise of many descendants through Isaac.
3. Abraham is a type of God the Father because the name Abram means “exalted father” in Hebrew.
4. The universal opinion of all early Christians was that Isaac was as a type of Christ’s resurrection, not of believers. Jesus specifically confirms he is the intended object of the type in John 8:56.
5. Forward type: Isaac to Christ Heb 11:19.
6. Reverse type of 3 days: Christ back to Isaac: Lk 24:46 + Gen 22:4; Jn 8:56

	Isaac	Jesus Christ
1. Birth prophesied	Gen 17:16	Isa 7:14; Lk 1:31
2. Birth proclaimed by angel	Gen 18:10; Heb 13:2	Gabriel: Lk 1:26-31
3. Miraculous conception	Gen 17:17; 18:10-15; 21:1-2; Heb 11:11	Virgin: Isa 7:14; Mt 1:18; Lk 1:30-35
4. Only Begotten Son	“Your son, Your only son”: Gen 22:2,12; Heb 11:17	“only begotten son”: Jn 1:14,18; 3:16
5. Beloved son	Gen 22:2	Mt 3:16; Mk 9:7
6. Son of promise	Gen 18:10; Rom 9:9; Gal 4:22–26	Gen 3:15; 2 Sam 7:12; Isa 7:14; 9:6; 11:1; Isa 43:2; Acts 13:32-33
7. Whole world blessed	Gen 22:18	Gal 3:8,16; 1 Jn 2:2
8. Mt. Moriah	Isaac sacrificed on Moriah: Gen 22:2; David bought Mt Moriah: 1 Chron 21:14-30; Solomon built temple: 2 Chr 3:1; Holy of Holies was where Abraham physically sacrificed Isaac.	Christ crucified on Mt Moriah at Golgotha: John 19:17-18
9. Submitted to father, obedient to death	Gen 22:6–9	Lk 22:42; Jn 6:38; Phil 2:8
10. Undeserving of death	Innocent child, committed no capital crime	Is 53:9; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:21
11. Carried wood for sacrifice	Gen 22:6	John 19:17
12. Others carried wood	Donkey: Gen 22:3	Simon: Mark 15:21
13. Some didn’t go to place of sacrifice	Servants stayed back: Gen 22:5	Apostles fled: Zech 13:7; Mt 26:31; Jn 16:32; 18:8-9; Mk 14:50
14. Donkey	Accompanied Isaac entering Jerusalem, and/or he rode on donkey: Gen 22:3	Triumphal entry: Zech 9:9; Mt 21:7
15. Questioned father about sacrifice	Gen 22:7	Mark 14:36; Mt 26:39,42
16. Bound before sacrifice	Gen 22:9	Matt 27:2
17. Laid on top of wood	Laid on top of wood: Gen 22:9	Laid on top of wood when they nailed him to the cross: Acts 2:23
18. Burnt offering	6 times: Gen 22:2,3,6,7,8,13	1 Pet 2:24; Heb 10:5-10
19. Two others present	2 youth servants: Gen 22:3	2 thieves: Mt 27:38
20. Lamb/ram	Lamb intended: Gen 22:7–8. Adult ram: v13	Jesus called lamb, but age 30 in John 1:29
21. Substitute sacrifice	Lamb substituted for Isaac: v13	Isaiah 53:4–5; 1 Pet 1:19; 1 Cor 5:7, 1 Pet 2:24; Heb 9:28.
22. Thorns on head	Ram head caught in thorns: Gen 22:13	Crown of thorns: Mt 27:29; Hosea 13:14
23. Angel sent before death	Angel stopped Abraham: Gen 22:11	Angels encouraged: Lk 22:43
24. Resurrection on 3rd day	Gen 22:4; Heb 11:19	1 Cor 15:4; “It is written” in Lk 24:46 = Gen 22:4 + Jonah 1:17
25. Saw their offspring	Gen 25:21; Ex 1:7	Isa 53:10; Ps 22:30; Gal 4:27 + Heb 2:10