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**Lord, you are my God, I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.**

Isaiah 25:1

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How do I get rid of ....

Thousands of people came to the Jordan River to see John the Baptist. It was a forty mile walk from Jerusalem. Everyone came to hear John speak, look at his clothes.

But John addressed for the first time, the real problem.

John 1 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the (at this point they wanted him to say sickness, debt, stupid people) *sin of the world!*

Things we don't call SIN...mess up on the job, kids mess up...

Sin: A transgression of a religious or moral law, especially when deliberate.

Mistake   An error or fault resulting from defective judgement deficient knowledge or carelessness.

Best Buy advertised a 52in TV for $9.99. Thousands were ordered, but the orders were not honored (mistake)

Problem   If there is no SIN
I'm not a SINNER
I don't need a SAVIOR

The problem is we know in our heart we sin. We did it on purpose we just didn't think we would get caught. We've done it before and we want to do it again.

The HAVE YOU HEARD'S   Matthew 5

Righteousness of the Pharisees (they're full time job was to be good)
Matthew 5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Do not murder / anger is the same (v.21-22)

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgement.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement."

Do not commit adultery / lust is the same (v.27-28)

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery,' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.'

Love your neighbor /enemies also (v.43-44)

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

At the end the people said nobody can be righteous except God and Jesus said, Exactly, that is my point.

The people who knew they were sinners loved Jesus, the mistakers hated Jesus because he made them feel bad about themselves

John 8:3-11
3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 Again, he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

*9 **At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir" she said, "Then neither do I condemn you." Jesus declared, "Go now and leave your life of sin."***

The point of story: now that you know you're a sinner, you are a perfect candidate for a savior

Romans 3:23-24 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

When Jesus hung on the cross, most people died of suffocation. When the Romans got tired of watching you suffer, they would break your legs so you could not push up with them and breathe. When they went to break Jesus' legs, he was already dead, he bled to death.

How do I get rid of my sin? The blood of Jesus…