

THE LAMB OF GOD

JOHN 1:29-34

The beauty of this passage is that the message of the Bible can be summed up in this new title for Jesus.

- The Old Testament asked, “*Where is the lamb?*” (**GEN. 22:7**) or who has to die to pay for this sin?
- The New Testament answers, “Behold, here He is—*the LAMB OF GOD who takes away the sin of the world!*”

THE PASSOVER PICTURE

At Passover, each family had to have a lamb.

- Those lambs were brought by men to men, but here is God's Lamb—given by God to men!
- Those lambs could not take away sin, only hide it from view temporarily, but the Lamb of God can actually take away sin.
- Those lambs were for Israel alone, but this Lamb would shed His blood for the whole world!

JOHN'S BAPTISM AND THE LAMB

New Testament baptism was and is by immersion; it pictures death, burial, and resurrection.

- Jesus and John were picturing the “*baptism*” Jesus would endure *on the cross* by dying as the sacrificial Lamb of God. **ISA. 53:7; LUKE 12:50**
- It would be through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection that the **LAMB OF GOD** would “*fulfill all righteousness.*” **MATT. 3:15**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN HERE?

- 1.** That Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God.
- 2.** That Jesus Christ, as the Lamb of God, takes away the sin of the world.
- 3.** That it is our duty, with an eye of faith, to behold the Lamb of God personally taking away our sin.

The more John was looking for Jesus, the more of Jesus John saw! And now he sees the Lamb.

THE SPIRIT DESCENDING

John could not see the actual *Spirit*, but he saw the dove which was a sign and representation of the Spirit.

- The Spirit descended *from heaven*, for every good and perfect gift is *from above*.
- The Spirit descending upon Christ was foretold.

ISA. 11:2

THE WHOLE BIBLE IS ABOUT THE LAMB

- In **GENESIS 3** we first see the demonstration of Adam's need for the Lamb—the individual.
- This idea became firmly implanted in the minds of all God's people. In **GENESIS 22**, as a helpless man, Isaac is removed from the place of death in order that an offering might take his place.
- The circle of effectiveness widened when the slaves in Egypt were saved by the innocent blood of the lamb on the windows and doors. **EX. 12**

THE FINAL PICTURE OF THE LAMB

This great truth was never extended from **LEV. 16** until John announced his thrilling message, *“Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world.”*

- It was made known that God actually loved the entire world, not merely privileged Israel.
- Truly, the Lamb is *“our Passover”* as Paul said.
1 COR. 5:7

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