

LAMB OF GOD

The Ultimate Sacrifice

1. Please introduce yourselves around your table and tell each other about your very favorite pet.
2. Read John 1:28-30 and John 1:35-37. What are your first thoughts when you read these verses?

What incredible work does John connect to the Lamb of God in verse 29?

What else does John let us know about the Lamb of God in these verses?

3. God's law in the Old Testament included a sacrificial system in order to make atonement for the sins of His people. Let's look at two of these important sacrifices. Read each passage and jot down some of the specifics about the sacrificial lambs.

THE PASSOVER LAMB

Exodus 12:1-13

DAILY TABERNACLE SACRIFICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 29:38-42

What does Hebrews 9:22 teach us about the purpose behind these plans?

4. Read Hebrews 10:1-7. What do you learn about the sacrificial system from these verses?

What plan did God have to solve these problems according to these verses?
Also read Hebrews 10:10-12.

5. Read Romans 8:1-4 and I Peter 1:18-21 and Ephesians 1:7. Explain how Jesus Christ is the perfect sacrificial Lamb.

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*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

THE SHADOW OF THE LAMB

In the Old Testament

Genesis 3/Genesis 22/Isaiah 53/Psalm 22

The shedding of blood was God's plan to atone for the sins of man from the beginning:

Adam and Eve- God would someday take the life of a substitute to redeem sinners.

Abraham- God would someday provide the Lamb to be sacrificed in our place.

Prophecy of Isaiah & David- God's sin offering would involve great pain and suffering.

In Israel's Sacrificial System

Exodus 29:38-46

Animal sacrifices provided a way for an unholy people to approach a holy God.

God used sacrifices to burn into the heart of the Jews an awareness of their own sins.

Unblemished lambs were the principal animals of sacrifice offered twice each day.
Sacrificial lambs represented the purity and gentleness of the coming Lamb of God.

THE UNVEILING OF THE LAMB

The Testimony of John the Baptist

John 1:29-37

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John's announcement teaches us:

- * That all the world is lost through sin and all mankind is _____ before God.
- * That Jesus came into the world to be the _____ sacrifice for sin.
- * That all other sacrificial lambs were a shadow of the one _____ Lamb of God.
- * That Jesus would suffer and die to _____ the penalty for our sins.
- * That God Himself must _____ the sacrifice and the sacrifice must be His only Son.
- * That Jesus would not only bear our sin but He would also _____ our sin away.
- * That though our Savior's sacrifice was offered once, He removes sin _____.

Happy, if with my last breath I may but gasp His name; preach Him to all, and cry in death, "Behold, behold the Lamb!"

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WORTHY IS The NAME | Lamb of God

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GENESIS 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

GENESIS 22:7-8 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

MARK 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

I PETER 2:22-24 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

I PETER 1:18-20knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you....

HEBREWS 10:11-14 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

ROMANS 5:18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

I JOHN 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

HEBREWS 2:17 Therefore; he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

JOHN 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

HEBREWS 7:25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.