

Behold the Lamb of God

John 1:29, 35-36; Isa 53: 1-11; Rev 5:1-10

I. Images of the Lamb in the Old Testament.

- A. The Passover Lamb: the biggest day of the year.
- B. The Lamb played a crucial role in the temple sacrificial system.

II. What was the function of the sacrificial system?

- A. To remind that sin has a price and that price is death.
- B. The sacrificial system reminded people that only a perfect lamb could be acceptable.
- C. The Lamb was innocent of the sins that it would die for.
- D. The ultimate purpose of the sacrificial system was to point to Christ.

III. Jesus is the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

- A. So what does it mean that Jesus is the Lamb of God?
 - 1. Jesus is the Lamb from God, He is also the God/Lamb.
 - 2. Jesus is the Lamb of God because He is the sacrifice for all sin.
 - 3. Jesus is the lamb of God because He is perfect, completely innocent of the sins he died for.
 - 4. Jesus is the lamb of God to show how seriously God take our sin. Isa 53:3-11

B. So what did he accomplish?

- 1. Jesus is our sacrificial lamb so that we might live forever with Him.
- 2. Jesus purchased for Himself a people, a bride with the price of his own blood. Rev 5:1-10.
- 3. Jesus bought with His blood a choir.

IV. Application: So what does this mean to you?

- A. As we look at the image of the lamb we need to take sin a lot more seriously.
- B. Jesus wants to be your sacrificial lamb.
- C. We like John the Baptist need to introduce people to the Lamb of God.
- D. We need to praise the Lamb of God.
- E. We need to help complete this transaction: the purchase of a people with the blood of the Lamb.
- F. We are called to commune with the Lamb. Communion.

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