

# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

## JOHN 1

Text: John 1:29, 36

### **John 1:29**

<sup>29</sup> The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

### **John 1:36**

<sup>36</sup> And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

Introduction:

This passage is one of the greatest texts in the Bible.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable...but we stand at a text that is one of the Richest.

Verse 29 is the Corner Stone of Christian Theology!

My prayer, Is that GOD would allow us to see What John Saw! That GOD would allow us to understand WHAT John Said, when he said Behold--- The LAMB of GOD---which Taketh Away --- the SIN of the WORLD!

John Pointed men to Christ. Never was there a greater testimony given to Christ than that given by John the Baptist.

I'd like to think that as John was announcing the arrival of The Lamb of God, there was herds of little lambs traveling toward Jerusalem; bound for the Passover.

John the Baptist had already Burst on the scene announcing the Lord was coming!

The Long awaited Messiah was soon to arrive!

The Jews were looking for a Messiah! But John announced a Saviour!

The Jews were looking for a Mighty- Ruler to deliver them from the Romans! But John said here is the Lamb that will deliver from the Dominance of Sin!

The Jews were looking for a Conquering King! Instead they saw a Quiet Lamb!

And so John draws the people's attention away from Man's Lambs to God's Lamb. These words, Behold the Lamb! They are so familiar to us! Can you imagine these words first spoken to ears that had never heard them?

Notice with me:

# 1. THE WORTH ASCRIBED TO THE LAMB

## A. The Name He Bares- "A Lamb"

By John giving this Great Title he was going straight to Israel's problem. He was going straight to the Heart of the matter. The Lamb had arrived to deal with man's SIN problem. But WHY A LAMB?

## A. A Lamb Was Pictured in Scripture

In Genesis 4-You remember the story of Cain & Abel. How that these 2 boys went to worship the Lord with their offering. One brought some Fruit- the other brought a Lamb. One came bringing the Best he had. Abel came bringing the best he had. One came with a Beautiful Substitute- the other with a Bloody Sacrifice!

1 was REJECTED- 1 was ACCEPTED!

- Remember, Abel's Lamb was 1 Lamb for 1 man
- Passover's Lamb was 1 Lamb for 1 Family
- The Day of Atonement's Lamb was 1 Lamb for a Whole Nation
- But here we see GOD'S LAMB- 1 Lamb for a WHOLE WORLD.

## A Lamb was Pictured

### B. A Lamb Was Promised in Scripture

Note in Genesis 22:

#### **Genesis 22:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*. <sup>2</sup> And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. <sup>3</sup> And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering? <sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

One day God did provided Himself as the Lamb

### C. A Lamb Was Prophesied In Scripture

### **Isaiah 53:7**

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isaiah, in a time of darkness, picked up the Telescope of faith, looked beyond the dark clouds of Today's Disappointments! Look beyond Tomorrow's Turmoil's and SAW A LAMB.

Notice not only the Worth Ascribed to the Lamb but also:

## **2. THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE LAMB**

What was the Work Jesus came to do?

He didn't come to bless us with Great Preaching.

He didn't come to make you a better person.

John came to take away the sin of the world.

### **A. The Sin Bearer – "Taketh"**

- The Meaning Sin

In the Old Testament the Blood of Bulls and goats were offered as atonement for sin. But they could never completely take away sin. That's why they had to keep

coming year after year! Those sacrifices were not good enough to pay the price in full.

SIN is the most powerful 3 letter word. Sin is the reason why our world is in a mess today! Sin is the reason why our Jails are full. And our churches are empty...our Homes are in danger... our marriages r under attack.

Sin is the reason Men rejects Christ!

- The Mountain of Sin – “He taketh away the Sin of the WORLD”

Have you ever considered the first sin that was laid on Christ that of Eve, when she took the forbidden fruit? Then add to that their sins committed in one week! Then add to that Sins committed in One Month! Then add to that the sins of their children. And then their children...All the way to You and Me!

#### B. The Sin Remover – “Taketh Away”

When the Ceremonial Act of the scapegoat took place, the sins of the whole nation were Symbolically Laid on the head of the goat.

- JESUS, didn't just carry our sin to the tree of the Cross!

- JESUS didn't just carry our sin to the Tomb of His Grave!
- JESUS didn't just carry our sin to the Heart of the Earth!
- But He took our Sins as far as the east is from the west!
- He Carried them to the Bottom of the Deepest Ocean! NEVER to be Brought up again! NEVER to be Remembered no more!
- Thank God, Jesus didn't just carry my sin to the Cross! But He CARRIED it FAR FAR AWAY!

Read the words to the song "Amazing Love"

Notice not only the Worth Ascribed to the Lamb, the Work Accomplished by the Lamb but also:

### **3. THE WAY ATTAINED OR OPENED THROUGH THE LAMB**

When Jesus died on the cross, the bible says that the veil of the Temple was rent from Top to bottom! In essence the way to God Was Opened! Man had a way to GOD and it was through Christ! "From the dark paths of Sin there's a door opened where you can go in! And it at the Cross the door is opened!

Illustration:

January 6 1850. A day when young Charles Spurgeon was wrestling with sin. The Young Spurgeon made his way into that Primitive Church. It was a snowy morning that morning and the preacher didn't show up! And as the congregation began to rumble about what to do. A Shoe salesman ascended to the platform and his text was: Isaiah 45:22

**Isaiah 45:22**

<sup>22</sup> Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and *there is* none else.

After ten minutes the preacher got to the end of his message and he saw young Spurgeon sitting under a pillar. And he looked at Spurgeon and said Young man you look very miserable. And you'll always be miserable, if you do not obey the words of my text! Then he shouted Look to Jesus! Look to Jesus! Look To Jesus! And Spurgeon said I Looked! And I Looked and saw Him! And he said I'm Still Looking! And he said One day I shall Look upon his face! Look To Christ! Have you done that? And then Live through Christ!

Close:

When the children of Israel had sinned, and God sent snakes among them! And Moses prayed to God and He said Put a Serpent upon a Pole and raise it up! AND Tell them to Look and Live! Surely some one said Moses



that's ridiculous! Moses that's sounds crazy! Moses said Just Look and Live! Don't argue with me Just LOOK To JESUS.

Illustration:

A Tourist visited a church in Germany. And he was surprised to see a Picture of a lamb inscribed upon the outside wall of the church.

He asked why was this picture of the lamb here.

They told him of a workman that was up on a scaffold and as he was working he lost his balance and fell from the scaffold. And as he was falling there came a flock of sheep.

And when the other workers ran to him knowing he would be certain for death. They found him alive and okay! For when he fell, he fell upon a lamb.

The Lamb broke his fall! And because of this Lamb that gave his life. He inscribed a picture of this little lamb!

