

Jesus, The Lamb of GOD!

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Background:

John 1: 1-37 “1 In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with GOD, and The Word was GOD. 2 HE was with GOD in the beginning. 3 Through HIM all things were made; without HIM nothing was made that has been made. 4 In HIM was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning That Light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not The Light; he came only as a witness to The Light. 9 The True Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 HE was in the world, and though the world was made through HIM, the world did not recognize HIM. 11 HE came to that which was HIS own, but HIS own did not receive HIM. 12 Yet to all who did receive HIM, to those who believed in HIS Name, HE gave the right to become children of GOD— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of GOD. 14 The Word became flesh and made HIS dwelling among us. We have seen HIS glory, the glory of The One and Only SON, who came from The FATHER, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning HIM. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘HE who comes after me has surpassed me because HE was before me.’”) 16 Out of HIS fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen GOD, but The One and Only SON, who is Himself GOD and is in closest relationship with The FATHER, has made HIM known. 19 Now this was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Messiah.” They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” 22 Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for The Lord.’” 24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands ONE you do not know. 27 HE is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” 28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, The Lamb of GOD, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is The ONE I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because HE was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know HIM, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that HE might be revealed to Israel.” 32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on HIM.

33 And I myself did not know HIM, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is The ONE who will

baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ **34** I have seen and I testify that this is GOD’s Chosen One.” **35** The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, The Lamb of GOD!” **37** When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.” (NIV)

Now I want you to notice something before we even begin. First: John, who you will remember, leaped in his mother’s womb when Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus came to visit his mother! Even so, John did not know that Jesus was the Messiah until GOD, through the Holy Spirit revealed HIM! *“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”* Luke 1: 41

Text for Today: Let us read this marvelous text again.

“Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold The Lamb of GOD!”” John 1: 35 & 36

The Hook: Jesus, The Lamb of GOD!

How did John know that Jesus was The Lamb of GOD? It was revealed as a gift of The Holy Spirit!!!!

Now notice that, because of John’s teaching, John’s disciples chose to follow Jesus and leave John. And I do not see anywhere that John objected!!!

HE whom The LORD loved beyond all else, came to earth, became a man, was obedient unto death on the cross. It is HE who is called in our text this morning, “The Lamb of GOD!”, the only, truly unique sacrifice for man’s sin!!!!

This is very important!!! Please pay attention to this!!!

Friends! There is no putting away of sin without sacrifice, and there is only one, just one, sacrifice that is great enough, to atone for our sin, and that is Jesus Christ, the righteous. *“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with The FATHER, Jesus Christ the righteous.”* 1 John 2:1 (NKJV)

HE is divine, yet human!

HE is the very GOD of very GOD! “And (we believe) in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father [the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God,] Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father” Nicene Creed 325 AD

HE is the SON of GOD, yet the son of Mary!!! *“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”* Matthew 1:21 (NKJV) In fact HE is referred to as “The SON of GOD” 40 times in the New Testament!!

HE yielded up HIS life, The Just for the unjust! *“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”* 1 Peter 3:18

The Sinless for the sinful so that HE might bring us to GOD, and reconcile us to the Great FATHER! *“For HE made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of GOD in Him.”* 2 Corinthians 5:21

My friends, this is the essence of the greatest story in all the world!!!

“that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:15

There is only One Jesus, One Saviour, who can do all that!!! *“For there is **one** God and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,”* 1 Timothy 2:5

Anyone, Any man, any woman, any child, any convict, anyone the world over, who will trust his/herself to Christ, GOD’s great sacrifice, will be saved!! Hallelujah!! Amen!!

This is our greatest testimony and, at the same time, our greatest wonder!!! He or she that believes in The SON has everlasting life!” *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16

So this morning I intend to appeal to each of us to look at HIM more intently and to study HIM more. I desire to appeal to us who have looked elsewhere, to NOW turn their eyes from all the things of this world, from the fruitless search of “other things”, and come RIGHT NOW, this very morning, to “behold The Lamb of GOD who takes away the sin of the world”!!!! John 1:29

May the Blessed Holy Spirit open our eyes and incline our hearts so that we may look more fully at Christ!!!!

The Book: The Lamb of GOD in Scripture

1) Jesus is The Lamb of GOD For One Unit (one man, one life)

“Behold”, in the Latin is a note of admiration, reverence, wonderment and wild exclamation! It is like when I went to an ELO concert many years ago with a friend and we were all waiting, waiting for the band to come on stage. Finally my friend saw them entering and shouted, “Look, here they come!”. Everyone jumped up and turned their full attention to see them entering! Everyone was shouting and cheering! “Behold” carries that same kind of anticipation and excitement!

Behold, The Lamb of GOD!!!!

Christ is a great marvel, Christ is glorious and incredible in HIS great love for us!! Christ is our sin-bearer!! Jesus is our Paschal Lamb (a lamb sacrificed at Passover). !!!

This morning, take your eyes OFF everything else, and Behold, The Lamb of GOD!!!!

How was The Lamb of GOD first seen in the world? Let’s take a look in the Bible today.

In Genesis 4: 1-10 of the Old Testament we read about the sacrifices offered by Cain and Abel.

“1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the Lord.” 2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to The LORD. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And The LORD respected Abel and his offering, 5 but HE did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 So The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then The LORD said to Cain, “Where *is*

Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. *Am I my brother's keeper?"*" 10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

Note first of all, Abel was a keeper of sheep. (verse 2). Abel was a shepherd and brought the best of his flock, that is, he brought a healthy lamb as a sacrifice for his own sin and on his own account, so that he could be accepted by GOD by making an offering that was well-pleasing in the sight of GOD. He brought the best of what he had, the healthiest, most perfect lamb he had in his flock.

However, Cain's offering was rejected by GOD. I have wondered about this for quite a long time, but I've discovered why. What could broccoli, green onions, or cauliflower do for you?

Produce from the field can not offer an acceptable sacrifice because THERE IS NO SHEDDING OF BLOOD!! The Bible says that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. "*And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*" Hebrews 9: 22

So crops grown in the ground, broccoli, cauliflower or green onions could never be an acceptable sacrifice because there was no blood offered for the remission of sin. "*If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. Then he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering. The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar.*" Leviticus 4: 32-34

So, Cain's sacrifice was rejected because it was out of step with what God required, and it teaches us a valuable lesson even today. Because so many people with their own works and produce they have made, are offering sacrifices that are completely out of step what GOD requires.

It was the wrong sacrifice, not what GOD required.

It was of another quality, not what GOD advised.

It was the wrong attitude, not one of humility and submission.

It was not the best quality, it was not the best that Cain could have offered.

It was the wrong motive, Cain's motive was carnal and selfish, and led to murder.

So, we are invited to come, not with the fruits of our own growing, but with the sacrifice of blood. We are invited to come with Christ as the Holy Victim, the spotless Lamb of GOD!!!! "*Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth.*" 1 Peter 2:22

And in so coming, whoever you may be, whatever you have done, you shall be accepted before GOD by faith!!! "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Hebrews 11:1

Each man, each woman, each child, must behold The Lamb of GOD for him/herself.

2) Jesus is The Lamb of GOD For The Family

Next you will find The Lamb of GOD in another context. We read that Israel was in Egypt, and there they offered the lamb for the family. "21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your

families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the [a]lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*. 24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. 25 It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. 26 And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 that you shall say, 'It *is* the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. 28 Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did." Exodus 12: 21-28

Let us also examine where this story in Exodus 12 begins. In verse 3 we read, "*Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household'.*"

First we saw the sacrifice of one lamb for one life, now we see one lamb for the life of a family! Friends, I challenge you to go and Behold The Lamb of GOD for your household, just as the jailer was told!!!! "*So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*" Acts 16: 31

Oh my friends, so many out there will not believe for their households, for their family! Go in faith today and believe in HIS provision for your house, for YOUR family, for your sons and your daughters!!!! Trust the GOD of grace for that little girl, the last born, and for the ones entering school this fall!!!

Pray for your sons and daughters. Pray for your sons who are married and your daughters who may be getting married.

Here I learned The Lamb of GOD is for the entire house!!!!!!

Pray for your individual households tonight! Pray for them!! Pray for their conversion to Christ!!! Pray for "your" generation of children to be brought to Christ without exception!!!!

3) Jesus is The Lamb of GOD For The People

Reading on in Exodus we learn that The Lamb of GOD is for the people of GOD for Chapter 29 tells us "*Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day, continually. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.*" (verses 38 & 39) Further on it tells us that to those who are obedient to this command, "*I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.*" (verse 45)

This is amazing!! A Lamb for the people!!!! It began with one lamb for one life, then became one lamb for a family, and now it goes on to become one lamb for all the chosen people!!

Oh yes!! Know this!!! The love of GOD is greatest toward HIS own Chosen People!! "*The Lord loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah!*" Psalm 87: 2 & 3

Here The LORD makes HIS tabernacle to be the central place where a lamb is offered for the whole nation!!

Now think of this, Christ died for you! HE died for HIS Chosen People!!! *“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)”* Galatians 3: 13

Glory be to GOD Most High for the Blood of The LAMB by which we are redeemed!!!!!!!!!!

4) Jesus is The Lamb of GOD For The World

Moving into the New Testament we more clearly see The Lamb of GOD being offered for the entire world!!

John the Baptist had no New Testament or Christian Book Store to inform him. He could not carry all the scrolls of the scriptures with him in the wilderness, but he did understand what was taught in Holy Scriptures and, most of all, he had Holy guidance.

When John encountered Jesus, he understood by a gift of The Holy Spirit, that Jesus was The Lamb of GOD being offered for the entire world, and declared, *“ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, The Lamb of GOD, who takes away the sin of the world.”* John 1: 29

Now we have gone beyond the bounds of Israel, and we have discovered The Lamb of GOD for the World!!!! We have come to The Lamb who died for Jews and for Gentiles, for men in the isles of the Caribbean, for the tribal people of Africa, for whosoever of any colour, race, and in every time, every season, every epoch, everywhere, anywhere, any time!!!! Oh, Praise GOD!!!

Wherever there are men and women, we may go and tell them about Christ! *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”* Matthew 28: 19. Do not wait for them to come. Our command is to go! Go and tell them about Christ!

Wherever there are men born of Adam’s race, we must tell them of the Second Adam, who is The Firstborn of GOD!!! *“ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”*

“ And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is The LORD from heaven.” 1 Corinthians 15: 21 & 22, 45-47

So it is that in looking to The Second Adam, The Firstborn of GOD, we can live, and in HIM we shall find eternal, everlasting life!!! (John 3: 15) Doesn’t that blow your mind?

Boundaries can not hinder HIM! HE is available to all in Asia Minor, Greece, Rome, Spain, anywhere in the world!!!

Behold The Lamb of GOD!!!! Let us pray the world will Behold HIM!!!!!!

5) Jesus is The Lamb of GOD For All of Heaven

Now, here is something you may not have heard of before. Jesus is The Lamb of GOD for all of heaven!!!

Let us read Revelation 7: 13 & 14 *“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and*

washed their robes and made them white in the blood of The Lamb.” It’s all because of The Lamb!!!!

There is no whiteness, or purity, in heaven except what The Lamb has wrought!!!!

There is no brightness, in heaven except what The Lamb has bought!!!!

Everything in heaven and throughout eternity shows and displays the wondrous power and surpassing merit of The Lamb of GOD!!!!!!

And it doesn’t end there!!! There’s more!!!!

6) Jesus is The Lamb of GOD For All of Eternity (past, present and future)

Let’s read Revelation 21: 27. *“But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”* Only those who have their names written in The Lamb’s Book of Life will be able to enter Heaven! Is your name written in The Lamb’s Book of Life?

Let’s also look at Revelation 5: 13 *“And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to HIM who sits on the throne, And to The Lamb, forever and ever!”* This tells us that everything and everyone is subject to The Lamb!!!

Revelations 1: 8 reminds us that Jesus is supreme over all, everywhere, and for all time!! *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says The LORD, “who is and who was and who is to come, The Almighty.”*

I think John understood all this. He recognized Jesus was the One and Only Sacrificial Lamb that could defeat sin forever!

The Took: Behold Jesus, The Lamb of GOD, our Saviour!!

Remember this! *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3: 16

Jesus, The Lamb of GOD, was our “once and for all” sacrifice that fulfilled GOD’s need for a blood offering. HE was the ransom to purchase back what Adam forfeited. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice of love that brought the possibility of perpetual change, the final slaying of sin and death, to the world! *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”* 1 Corinthians 15:22

Jesus was the accepted one of GOD! HE was our life-line to rescue and deliver us.

HE is our perpetual Saviour!! Think of it!!!

HE is the Saviour with Perpetual merit! Perpetual Love!! Perpetual Intercession!!! Perpetual Life-Giving Grace!!!! Perpetual Salvation!!!!!!

All of this flows from our LORD Jesus!!!!

HE did not need to be slain twice, but once only, for our complete salvation!!!!!!

HIS one wonderful offering has finished transgression!!

HE is always a new Saviour for me every morning! And a new Saviour every night!!

My friends, there is no getting weary of HIM!! There is nothing stale about HIM!! HE has nothing that has expired!! HE has not ended! There is nothing old in HIM!! HE remains the ointment for my every problem!!! *“I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in*

the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye-salve, that you may see." Revelation 3: 18

Jesus is my victory!!! Is HE your victory?

"And they overcame him by the blood of The Lamb and by The word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." Revelation 12:11

We don't often hear this! The Lamb of GOD is a great warrior. There is no-one like HIM!!!!

All of our victory, all of our happiness is because Jesus is The Lamb of GOD!!!!

This is the time to give HIM our highest exultation!!!!

Let us be glad and rejoice as we give honour to HIM!!!!

We should be glad! HE gives us all HE has!!! What have you given HIM? Have you given HIM your all?

John the Baptist, who was a great man, felt that he was unworthy to even touch the laces of Jesus' sandals!!

Think of this!! Jesus may be neglected, rejected, refused and repelled by many, BUT HE will be blessed, HE will be Beheld in all eternity!!!

Do not leave here today without allowing this thought stinging your soul!!!!

Jesus will be your highest joy or your everlasting confusion! It's your choice!

Isaiah was right, and he is still right today. There is life for a look at the Saviour!!

Come to HIM!! Seek HIM!! Come NOW and live!!!!

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The Definition of Perfection: Flawless, Paragon, Most Ideal, The Absolute Best,
Unable to be Improved in any way! GOD!