

Jesus Is: The Lamb of God

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²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” - John 1:29–34 (ESV)

From the Introduction:

- What images are evoked in your mind when you read a reference describing Jesus as the “Lamb of God?”
- In the Old Testament, we are shown the important role of sacrifice in sustaining the nation of Israel’s relationship with Yahweh. How much significance do you place on Jesus’ sacrifice in sustaining your relationship with God?

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1. Jesus is the _____ of God (v. 29)
 - a) He is the _____ of Isaiah's prophetic vision
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. - Is 53:7 (ESV)
 - b) As our _____, Jesus removes our sin.
- 2) Jesus is the _____ Savior (v. 32)
 - a) The Holy Spirit _____ with Him.
¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16–17 (ESV)
 - b) As our _____, Jesus empowers us for service.
- 3) Jesus is the Son of _____ (v. 34)
 - a) The Scriptures _____ the deity of Christ.
⁷I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." - Ps 2:7 (ESV)
 - b) As our _____, Jesus intercedes on our behalf.

Remember:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” – Rev. 5:12 (ESV)

Reflect:

“When to the cross I turn my eyes, and rest on Calvary, O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember Thee.” – James Montgomery

Seek:

1. If we believe the words of John the Baptist, then the cross of Christ is already in view. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb that will restore all humanity to God, and serve as the final sacrifice.
2. If someone were to approach you and tell you that they could guarantee your future, for a price, how willing would you be to accept their offer?

Share:

1. Read Isaiah 53:1-12.

Isaiah 53 is often referred to as the “Suffering Servant” passage. In verse 6 the prophet states, “All we like sheep have gone astray.” How do these words relate to the current struggles in your life?

What areas of your life do you feel the Lord is calling you to turn over to Him?

2. Read: Isaiah 61:1-2

This passage is recited by Jesus, in Luke 4:18-19 as a fulfilled prophecy. What connection might you draw from this passage and John's words in John 1:32-33?

What comfort do you draw from knowing that although Jesus is God, the Spirit's anointing was an important part of his earthly ministry?

Serve:

1. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was an important part of Jesus' ability to fulfill his role as the "Lamb of God." What important role does the Holy Spirit play in your life so that you can fulfill God's plan for you?
2. What changes need to take place in your life in order for the Spirit to have greater freedom to do His work in you?

Pray:

1. Pray together, using sentence prayers, asking God to let his anointing rest and remain on you, so that you may fulfill His plan through you.