

The Lamb of God

Read: John 1:29-34

Main Idea: Recognizing Jesus as the Lamb of God invites us into a deeper understanding of His love, sacrifice, and the joyous freedom found in forgiveness through Him.

Key Verses: “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (1:29)

Key Principles:

- Jesus fulfills Old Testament imagery as the sacrificial Lamb, drawing from Passover and Isaiah's suffering Servant to provide atonement for humanity's sin.
- John's witness emphasizes humility, pointing away from himself to Jesus' preexistence and superiority, reminding believers to prioritize Christ above all others.
- The Holy Spirit's descent like a dove reveals Jesus' identity, equipping believers to recognize divine truth amid uncertainty or prejudice.
- Baptism with the Holy Spirit signifies transformation, empowering lives through inner renewal rather than mere ritual.
- Confession of Jesus as God's Son stems from divine revelation, calling for bold testimony rooted in a personal encounter.
- The gospel's message of sin's removal invites all nations to faith, breaking barriers and fostering unity in Christ's redemptive work.

Discussion:

1. How does John's proclamation of Jesus as the Lamb of God connect to OT sacrifices? What does this reveal about God's plan for dealing with our sin?
2. In what ways does Jesus' preexistence challenge our understanding of time and priority, and how can this truth help us honor Him above cultural or personal idols?
3. What role did the Holy Spirit play in revealing Jesus to John? How might we rely on the Spirit to discern Christ's presence in confusing situations?
4. How does the Spirit's abiding on Jesus model the transformation He offers us? What practical steps can we take to invite this change?
5. Why is confessing Jesus as the Son of God essential for salvation, and how does John's testimony encourage us to proclaim this boldly in our communities?
6. How does the Lamb's removal of the world's sin affirm God's love for all people? Share how this motivates you to share the gospel across divides.

Prayer:

- Pray for deeper recognition of Jesus as the Lamb to better embrace His sacrifice
- Pray:
 - Humility to honor Christ's surpassing worth in daily decisions.
 - Openness to the Holy Spirit's revelation and life-transforming power.
 - Boldness to confess and proclaim Jesus as the Son of God to others.

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| I. | Behold the <u>Lamb</u> who <u>removes</u> sin. | 1:29 |
| 1. | Jesus is <u>God's</u> sacrifice. | |
| 2. | Jesus is the <u>ultimate</u> sacrifice. | |
| II. | Recognize the <u>Son</u> who <u>outranks</u> all. | 1:30 |
| 1. | <u>Honor</u> His eternal <u>priority</u> . | |
| 2. | <u>Praise</u> His surpassing <u>worth</u> . | |
| III. | Receive the <u>One</u> who <u>reveals</u> God's purpose. | 1:31-32 |
| 1. | <u>Trust</u> the <u>Spirit</u> to <u>reveal</u> Christ. | 1:31 |
| 2. | <u>Accept</u> His <u>purpose</u> to <u>transform</u> lives. | 1:32 |
| IV. | Confess <u>Jesus</u> as the <u>Son</u> of God. | 1:33-34 |
| 1. | <u>Trust</u> in Him for <u>salvation</u> . | 1:33 |
| 2. | <u>Proclaim</u> Him with <u>boldness</u> . | 1:34 |

NEXT WEEK:
The Prince of Peace
Isaiah 9:6-7