

"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD"

JOHN 1:19-34

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INTRO: During the Christmas Season a lot takes place as we "supposedly" celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. There are parties at work, programs at church, parades in towns, and presents exchanged among friends...just to name a few things that occur. But all too often we miss out on a great opportunity to focus on Christ and particularly the DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, known as **CHRISTOLOGY**. Truly as we look forward to "CHRIST-MAS" we should endeavor to **FOCUS ON CHRIST** so as to exalt and worship Him more effectively. Last week we studied John 1:1-18 and observed **A GLORIOUS PRESENTATION OF CHRIST** when we highlighted 14 great components of our Lord and His ministry. Today we shall continue our walk through The Gospel of John chapter one in order to learn MORE about our wonderful Savior as found in the words of verse 19 where John the Baptist says, **"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD."** This is a VERY SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT made by John the Baptist that we cannot afford to neglect. So let's take a close look at it this morning.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS OF THE TEXT:

1) John 1:19-34 presents John the Baptist as being the first of many witnesses that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God which supports the MAIN THEME of the Gospel. Cp. John 20:30,31.

"AND MANY OTHER SIGNS TRULY DID JESUS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK: BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN, THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE THAT *JESUS IS THE CHRIST*, THE SON OF GOD; AND THAT BELIEVING YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME"

2) John the Baptist answers questions from the Pharisees about who he is:

-He is not the Christ - Vs. 20

-He is not Elijah - Vs. 21

-He is not Moses - Vs. 21

-He is the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3 to **PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

3) John 1:19-51 summarizes FOUR DAYS of the ministry of John the Baptist:

-Day one: Vss. 19-28 = John the Baptist answers personal questions.

-Day two: Vss. 29-34 = Jesus appears on the scene to be baptized.

-Day three: Vss. 35-42 = Jesus calls two disciples: Andrew and Peter.

-Day four: Vss. 43-51 = Jesus calls two more disciples: Philip and Nathanael.

AFTER THIS JOHN THE BAPTIST FADES AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL

4) John 1:19-51 presents SEVEN TITLES OF JESUS CHRIST:

-The Lamb of God - Vss. 29,36

-The Son of God - Vss. 34,39

-The Rabbi - Vss. 38,49

-The Messiah/Christ - Vs. 41

-The One Moses and the Prophets spoke of - Vs. 45

-The Son of Man - Vs. 51

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

I. THE PROMISE OF THE LAMB OF GOD

"LAMB" IS THE SACRIFICIAL TITLE OF OUR LORD JESUS.

A. The Promise Based upon the Past Presentation

1. For the Passover - Exodus 12:1-36. Cp. 1 Corinthians 5:7

2. For the Daily Sacrifices under the Law

-Leviticus 12:1-36. Cp. Hebrews 10:10-18

B. The Promise Based upon the Prophetic Presentation

1. In Genesis 3:15 - The FIRST prophecy of the coming Redeemer.

2. In Isaiah 53:7 - The prophetic description of the "Lamb to Slaughter"

NOTE: THE JEWS KNEW A FINAL SACRIFICIAL LAMB WAS COMING. THAT LAMB WAS JESUS CHRIST. BUT THEY REJECTED HIM.

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE POSSESSION OF THE LAMB OF GOD

THE LAMB OF GOD IS GOD'S PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR SALVATION

A. The Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) is God's Possession

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD! THE LAMB IS "UNIQUE"

1. Because He is the Eternal Son of God - Micah 5:2

2. Because He is the Divine Son of God - Hebrews 1:3

3. Because He is the Perfect Son of God - Hebrews 4:15

4. Because He is the Obedient Son of God - Hebrews 5:8

B. The Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) is God's Provision

THE ONLY PROVISION OF SALVATION FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD

1. Salvation is of God ALONE - Psalm 3:8

2. Salvation is COMPLETE through Christ - 1 Peter 1:18-21

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE PURPOSE OF THE LAMB OF GOD

TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD

A. The Extent of taking away the Sins of the World

-Christ, the Lamb of God, died as a sacrifice for the SINS of THE WHOLE WORLD, and **NOT JUST THE JEWS**. 1 John 2:2

B. The Effect of taking away the Sins of the World

ALL THREE CATEGORIES OF SIN WERE AFFECTED BY SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB OF GOD

1. That of Imputed Sin -The sin that was brought into the human race through Adam - Romans 5:12

2. That of Transmitted Sin -The sin that is transmitted from one generation to another through our parents- Psalm 51:5

3. That of Personal Sin - The individual acts of sin committed by each and every human being - Roman s 3:9-12

NOTE: ON THE CROSS THE LAMB OF GOD DEFEATED ALL SIN!

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION/APPLICATION: THROUGH THE SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB OF GOD, THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE CAN HAVE TOTAL VICTORY OVER SIN. HAVE YOU RECEIVED THAT VICTORY? IF SO, REJOICE IN THAT VICTORY AND GIVE PRAISE TO OUR LORD!