

Behold The Lamb!

John 1:29 – Message

Jesus is the One Lamb with no equal. Jesus is the One Lamb able to take away our sins.

Our sin problem was overwhelming

Isa 1:18 “*though your sins are as **scarlet**, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like **crimson**, they will be like wool*”

In sin there is “an evil will and intention, i.e., a conscious apostasy from and opposition to God”

(Kittel, *TDNT*, p. 294)

We need a substitute

“all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Heb 9:22)

Lambs sacrificed in the OT:

- Passover (Ex 12:3, 5-8, 11-14)
- Twice daily sacrifices (Ex 29:39; Num 28)
- First-born redeemed (Ex 34:20)
- Peace and sin offerings (Lev 3:6-7; 4:27-35; 5:6-7)
- Leper healed (Lev 14:24-25)
- Pentecost (Lev 23:18-20)

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Key events in Israel's history:

- Ark returned, people return to the Lord (1 Sam 7:1-9)
- Hezekiah's revival (2 Chron 29:21 ff)
- Josiah re-starts Passover festival sacrificing 30,000 lambs and young goats (2 Chron 35)
- Dedicating the rebuilt temple (Ezra 6)

After thousands of lambs sacrificed, there was still a big problem

- › The Law's sacrifices couldn't decisively cleanse
- › The Law's sacrifices served as reminders that sin was still present
- › Animal blood could only provide a temporary covering of sin
- › Animal blood couldn't take away sin

(Heb 10:1-4)

They needed a Lamb with no equal!

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Sheep grazing in the Hill Country



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- › Malachi 4:5
- › John 1:29-36 “**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**”

Jesus is “THE” Lamb of God

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Behold the Lamb of God born in Bethlehem!