

Morning Sermon Outline February 25, 2018

“Behold the Lamb of God” John 1:29-36

I. Jesus as the “Lamb of God” is one of the main themes of John the Baptist’s preaching- John 1:29 & :36

NKJ John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

NKJ John 1:36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

1. It speaks to what He is saving us from— “who takes away the sin of the world”

Sin is the world’s greatest problem; all other problems are mere symptoms of it -

2. It is a repeated message – 29 & 36

It is repeated because it is important, Paul agrees -

NKJ 1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3. It (Jesus’ being the Lamb of God) speaks powerful truth to us about Jesus as the Son of God –

A. Jesus is the Son of God -

B. He has the Holy Spirit and baptizes with the Holy Spirit –

NKJ John 1:33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴ "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

C. As the Son of God, He is different than we are -

Dying for our sins is a different way of SAVING! Humans do not think this way! Our heroes are warriors, they do not die to save, they kill, and yet God says -

NKJ Isaiah 55:8 " For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

We don’t understand these things except by the Spirit – 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 & :16

II. Jesus as the Lamb of God is a major theme of Old Testament types and prophesy –

1. In the animal skins that clothed Adam and Eve – Genesis 3:21
NKJ Genesis 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Adam and Eve had done it wrong sewing on fig leaves (representing dead works), yet there must be death to cover sin

2. In the superior offering of Abel – Genesis 4:3-5

NKJ Genesis 4:3 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.

3. In the burnt offering of Noah after the flood – Genesis 8:20

NKJ Genesis 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

4. In Abraham’s potential offering up of his only son Isaac – Genesis 22:1-12

NKJ Genesis 22: ... ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

NKJ John 3:16 "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. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

5. In the ram God provided in place of Isaac – Genesis 22:13-14

NKJ Genesis 22:13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

6. *In the Passover Lamb that spared Israel the deadly plague which God brought upon the Egyptians – Exodus 12:1-13*

NKJ Exodus 12:1 ...³ "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household

⁶ 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.⁷ 'And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.⁸

¹³ 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

They were saved from slavery in Egypt / we are saved from slavery to sin. They were spared the death of their first born by the blood of the lamb on their door posts, we are SAVED the dread second death in Hell's fires by the blood of the Lamb of God our Lord Jesus Christ!

NKJ 1 Corinthians 5:7 ... For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

7. A message highlighted by Isaiah 53 -

NKJ Isaiah 53:1 ...⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

III. The Lord's Supper gives us a new perspective on the death of Christ –

The OT and the Passover (all the sacrifices) told us and showed us what Christ would do. The NT and the Lord's Supper tell us and show us what Christ has done (It is finished).

1. *The Old Testament types (Lambs) and prophesy pointed forward to what Christ would do –*
2. *Christ is the sure fulfillment of these types and prophesies -*

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NKJ John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

3. *Now because Christ has died (and paid the penalty for our sin) there is no more need of shedding of blood – Hebrews 9:19-28*

NKJ Hebrews 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

There is no more need to offer up, lambs, bulls and goats...

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. (Hebrews 10:4 NKJ)

They were meant to be pictures, prefiguring, showing those before Christ's coming to earth, what Christ would do -

4. *Now, the only need is remembrance – 1 Corinthians 11:24-25*

NKJ 1 Corinthians 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."²⁵ In the same manner He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

5. *Let us worship the Lamb by observing the supper He gave us, which also points to another future supper -*

NKJ Revelation 5:12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

NKJ Revelation 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The Lord's Supper shows us we are called to this future supper! It is sort of like an engagement ring committing us to Christ, as we (the church) are the Lamb's bride. It shows us He loved us to the point of dying for us. Our receiving it means we love Him to the point of being willing to die for Him; at least to live for Him and die to sin! It shows us to be the bride of Christ!

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