

# *Behold the Lamb of God*

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Revelation 5:1-6 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

- I. What do you think you will see when you see Jesus for the first time?
  - A. What do you think it will be about Him that will get your attention first?
  - B. Many people think it will be the brightness of his countenance.
    - 1. All the supposed death experiences where people think they have died and come back talk about seeing a bright light.
    - 2. While it is true that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all, it is also true that:

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

- 3. Seeing light and speaking of “enlightenment” is the language of the occult and those who walk in darkness.
  - C. Many people think that his overwhelming power and glory will be what overcomes them in his presence.
    - 1. Every time we see people have an encounter with God in the Word of God, we see that they are so overwhelmed with his glory and power that they fall on their faces and are paralyzed with fear.
    - 2. The devil never manifests himself this way, but always as some kind of wise counselor, or revealer of secrets.
    - 3. People who have these supernatural encounters with the forces of darkness are always confused about what has happened to them.
    - 4. They are unsure about the experience, but just try to relate what they “saw” and “heard.” – kind of like people who see UFO’s and Bigfoot.
    - 5. Those who have had encounters with God in the past have had no doubt about whose presence they were in.
    - 6. When we see Jesus it will be that way for us – there will be no doubt whatsoever and no one will question his identity.
    - 7. But it will not be because of his brightness, or because of his awesome power and glory.
- II. He appears as a Lion and as a Lamb in the book of Revelation.
  - A. He is a Lion in the previous verse and a Lamb from this point on in Revelation, except for one roar.

Revelation 10:2-3 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

- B. He is a Lion (capital L) to conquer the devil and all his demons, and He is a Lamb to satisfy the law of God as the Atonement for our sins.
- C. John the Baptist introduced Him here on earth as the Lamb of God.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

- D. He is not referred to directly as the Lamb (capital L) until the book of Revelation.
  - 1. In this book He is referred to 27 times – the Lamb is the theme of Revelation.
  - 2. The Lamb is the theme of the whole Bible, but Revelation is the final unveiling of the Lamb of God in all his victory and triumph over all evil.
  - 3. The Lamb is the object of all worship, He is worthy, He opens the seals of the Book, He is full of blessing and honor and glory and power.
  - 4. Before the Lamb stands that great multitude which no man could number all peoples and kindreds and nations and tongues, and the Lamb feeds them.
  - 5. There is the wrath of the Lamb, the blood of the Lamb, the light of the Lamb, the Lamb's book of life, the throne of the Lamb, and the song of the Lamb.
  - 6. There is bride of the Lamb, the marriage of the Lamb, and the marriage supper of the Lamb.

III. He appears as “a Lamb (capital L) that was slain.”

- A. This is what will arrest our whole being with our first view of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. We will know when we see his wounds that He should be dead, but He is alive!
- C. We all know He died for our sins, but it will be more real in that moment than we have ever been able to comprehend in our wildest imagination.
- D. We know He was wounded for our transgressions, but it has never been made as real to our soul as it will be in that moment.
- E. We will see his wounds, but they will not be healed.
  - 1. They will appear as they did the day He received them on that old cruel cross.
  - 2. His wounds cannot heal, and He can still feel them.
  - 3. If sin requires eternal punishment ...???
  - 4. Even if his suffering ends when all is final and He declares that heaven and earth are passed away and behold a new heaven and a new earth, and all things are new...
  - 5. What will we feel like if we are made to understand that He has suffered for the past 2000 years for our sins.
  - 6. It will give new meaning to the words that we throw around so lightly down here about how He took our place.
- F. His wounds were his identifying marks after He arose from the dead.

Luke 24:36-41 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in

your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

John 20:19-20 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

John 20:24-28 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

1. And He never even mentioned the stripes on his back, which were more than just stripes.
2. The wound in his side would have been fatal if none of the other things were done.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

- G. His wounds will be what identify Him to us when we see Him with the book in his hand.

Revelation 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

- H. His wounds will be what identify Him to those who have trampled his blood and his suffering under their wicked ungodly feet.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Philippians 2:7-11 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1. What will it be like for those who have loved Him and served Him here to fully comprehend at last what He really did for them?

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

2. What will it be like for those who have rejected Him and mocked Him to find out at last what fools and how utterly wicked they have been?
  - I. It will certainly make us all wish we had given Him more while we spent our brief time on this earth.
  - J. It will certainly bring tears to our eyes and grief to our soul to realize how much more He has given to us than we have to Him.
  - K. It is no wonder that He is going to wipe all tears from our eyes.”

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Exodus 15:1-3 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Exodus 15:6-7 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

Exodus 15:13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Exodus 15:16-18 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased. Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

Exodus 15:21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; ..

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.