

# JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

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## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The Gospel of John is the only gospel that gives the revelation of Jesus as the Lamb of God (**John 1:24-31**):

*<sup>24</sup>Now some Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup>questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands One you do not know. <sup>27</sup>He is the One who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. <sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “**Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**” <sup>30</sup>This is the One I meant when I said, ‘A Man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was **that He might be revealed to Israel.**”*

- B. This is an extremely important revelation of Jesus Christ—we will examine three significant aspects:

1. Jesus, the Passover Lamb
2. Jesus, our Sin Offering
3. Jesus, the Lamb in Eternity

## II. JESUS THE PASSOVER LAMB

- A. The story of Israel’s deliverance from their 400-year slavery in Egypt through the Passover is a central theme in Scripture (**Ex. 12:1-14**):

*<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel **that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family**, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males **without defect**, and you may take them from the sheep or*

the goats. <sup>6</sup>**Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month**, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; **it is the LORD's Passover.** <sup>12</sup>**“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.** <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and **WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I will pass over you.** No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup>**“This is a day you are to commemorate;** for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a **lasting ordinance.**

The blood wasn't for Pharaoh to see—it was for God!

- B. The Israelites were to celebrate the Passover annually as a remembrance of what God had done for them (**Ex. 12:25-27**):

<sup>25</sup>When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as He promised, observe this ceremony. <sup>26</sup>And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ <sup>27</sup>then tell them, **‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD,** who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped.

- C. Jesus’ Last Supper was part of the Passover celebration [see Mat. 26:17-30]—the very night He was betrayed and arrested before His crucifixion—where He was revealed as the true Passover Lamb (**1 Cor. 5:7-8**):

<sup>7</sup>Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. **For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.** <sup>8</sup>Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

D. The implications of this are profound:

1. The Old Testament Passover and all the lambs sacrificed were mere symbols or shadows that pointed to the One True Passover, Jesus Christ!
2. Christ's sacrifice on the Cross is the **ONLY** deliverance from the slavery of sin (**John 8:31-36**):

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*<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**" <sup>33</sup>They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and **have never been slaves of anyone.** How can You say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.** <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So **if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***

3. The commemoration of Christ's death on the Cross is the central focus of worship in the Church now in the ordinance known as Communion, Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper (**1 Cor. 11:20-32**):

*<sup>20</sup>When you come together... the **Lord's Supper**... <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is **My body**, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**" <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the **New Covenant in My blood**; do this, whenever you drink it, **in remembrance of Me.**" <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.** <sup>27</sup>Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. <sup>32</sup>When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.*

### III. JESUS OUR SIN OFFERING

- A. Under the Old Covenant, every time an Israelite sinned, he had to bring a sin offering to the Lord to atone for his sin [see Leviticus chapters 1-5]:
1. It had to be an animal (lamb, goat, bull, etc.) without defect or blemish.
  2. The Israelite brought the animal to the priest, laid his hands on the head of the animal, and confessed his sins.
  3. The *Israelite*, not the priest, had to slaughter the innocent animal, skin it, cut it into pieces, and wash it!
  4. This was a graphic reminder of the penalty for sin—death—and was designed to awaken the offerer's conscience, leading to repentance.
- B. God gave ("provided") His only Son as a Sin Offering for the sins of the whole world (**John 3:14-17**):

*<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For **God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but **to save the world** through Him.*

- C. Centuries before, God had spoken eerily similar words to Abraham the patriarch (**Gen. 22:1-14**):

*<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, "**Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love**, and go to the region of Moriah. **Sacrifice him** there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." <sup>3</sup>**Early the next morning** Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As*

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the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>**Isaac** spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but **where is the lamb for the burnt offering?**” <sup>8</sup>**Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”** And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>12</sup>“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” He said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from Me **your son, your only son.**” <sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and **there in a thicket he saw a ram** caught by its horns. He went over and **took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering INSTEAD OF HIS SON.** <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide [“Jehovah-Jireh” – KJV]. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

- D. God provided a substitute to die in Isaac’s place—this foreshadowed the great message of the Gospel (**Isa. 53:1-12**):

<sup>1</sup>*Who has believed **our message** and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?* <sup>2</sup>*He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.* <sup>3</sup>*He was despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.* <sup>4</sup>*Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.* <sup>5</sup>*But **He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,** and by His wounds we are healed.* <sup>6</sup>***We all, like sheep,** have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*** <sup>7</sup>*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; **He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,** and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.* <sup>8</sup>*By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He*

was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken. <sup>9</sup>He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though **the LORD makes His life a guilt offering**, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup>After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For **He bore the sin of many**, and made intercession for the transgressors.

E. [Story of lamb slaughtered in P.R.]

F. God made His Son, who knew no sin, to become sin for us, so that sin could be punished in Jesus Christ (**Rom. 8:1-4**):

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, **God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man,** <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

G. All of the sacrifices made under the Mosaic Law were a shadow of the Perfect Sacrifice—Jesus, the Lamb of God (**Heb. 10:1-18**):

<sup>1</sup>**The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves.** For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. <sup>2</sup>If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. <sup>3</sup>**But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,** <sup>4</sup>**because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.** <sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and

offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for Me; <sup>6</sup>with burnt offerings and sin offerings You were not pleased. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about Me in the scroll—I have come to do Your will, O God.’” <sup>8</sup>First He said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not desire, nor were You pleased with them” (although the law required them to be made). <sup>9</sup>Then He said, “Here I am, I have come to do Your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will, **we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** <sup>11</sup>Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when **this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins**, He sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup>Since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, <sup>14</sup>because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. <sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First He says: <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put My laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” <sup>17</sup>Then He adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” <sup>18</sup>And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

- H. Praise God! We have been redeemed with the precious blood of the Lamb (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**):

<sup>18</sup>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **you were redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup>but **with the precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect.**

#### IV. JESUS THE LAMB IN ETERNITY

- A. The Book of Revelation is “The **revelation of Jesus Christ**” (Rev. 1:1)—although it reveals many details concerning end times, the central theme of Revelation is Jesus Christ Himself!
- B. What do we learn about Jesus—who is He and what is He like in His heavenly glory? The answer to this question might amaze you!
  1. He is referred to as “Jesus” 14 times
  2. He is referred to as “Lord of lords and Kings of kings” twice

3. He is referred to as “Son of God” only once
4. He is Alpha and Omega, Lion of Judah, Root of David, and Word of God

### 5. But He is called “the Lamb” 31 times!

#### C. Here are a few selections:

**Rev. 5:1-14:** <sup>1</sup>*Then I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.* <sup>2</sup>*And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?”* <sup>3</sup>*But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.* <sup>4</sup>*I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.* <sup>5</sup>*Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.** He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”* <sup>6</sup>*Then I saw a **Lamb, looking as if it had been slain,** standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.* <sup>7</sup>*He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.* <sup>8</sup>*And when He had taken it, **the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb.** Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.* <sup>9</sup>*And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”* <sup>10</sup>*You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”* <sup>11</sup>*Then I looked and **heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.** They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.* <sup>12</sup>*In a loud voice they sang: “**Worthy is the Lamb,** who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”* <sup>13</sup>*Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “**To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!**”* <sup>14</sup>*The four*



living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Rev. 12:11:** *They overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*

**Rev. 13:8:** *All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the **Book of Life** belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.*

**Rev. 17:14:** *They [the beast & the harlot] will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers.*

**Rev. 19:6-9:** <sup>6</sup>*Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. <sup>8</sup>Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) <sup>9</sup>Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”*

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**Rev. 21:22-27:** <sup>22</sup>*I did not see a temple in the city [New Jerusalem], because the **Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.** <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and **the Lamb is its lamp.** <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup>On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the **Lamb's Book of Life.***

- D. **Rev. 22:1-3:** <sup>1</sup>*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the **throne of God and of the Lamb** <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of*

*the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be any curse. The **throne of God and of the Lamb** will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.*

## V. CONCLUSION

- A. Jesus is revealed in many ways throughout Scripture—He is Alpha and Omega—He is A to Z!
- B. But one prominent revelation from Genesis to Revelation is Jesus, the LAMB!
- C. This highlights the fact that He *is* the Sacrificial Lamb for all sin—He *is* the Passover Lamb that liberates!
- D. When God saw the blood of His Lamb on Calvary, His judgment passed over us!
- E. We were like Isaac bound on the altar, waiting for the knife of God’s judgment to slay us for our sins—but Jehovah-Jireh provided Himself a Lamb to die in our stead!
- F. After the Marriage of the Lamb and the Final Judgment, the grand chorus echoing throughout heaven for all eternity will be, “Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!” Amen.