

LOOK! THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29-36

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: For centuries lambs were offered as sacrifices for the sins of God's people and had to be offered frequently as sins were frequent. John the Baptist had been preaching and talking about the "promised one" was near and then one day Jesus appeared and John pointed Him out by declaring "Behold, the lamb of God." Jesus had come to be the "one time" sacrifice for the sins of mankind and therefore John called Him the "lamb of God." Jesus, as the Lamb of God is:

- The subject of Holy Scripture
- The preacher's only message theme.
- The Gospel story.
- The sinners ONLY hope.
- The believer's ONLY authority.
- The worshiper's ONLY object.
- The revelation in person of almighty God.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed, slain, risen from the dead and is exalted in all fullness.

I. JESUS IS THE PERFECT, COMPLETE GOSPEL MESSAGE, AS THE LAMB OF GOD

1. John the Baptist's words, "Behold the Lamb of God" is full of instruction:
 - Jesus Christ is God and is eternal - *"...He was before me..."*
 - Jesus Christ is God in the flesh - *"...This is the Son of God..."*
 - Jesus Christ brought God's justice - *"...The soul that sinneth, it shall die..."*
 - Jesus Christ showed the great evil of sin - His ultimate sacrifice was required to put sin away.
 - Jesus Christ showed man's inability - Jesus was not needed IF man could save himself.
 - Jesus Christ's sacrifice was complete - *"...Taketh away sin..."*
 - Jesus Christ showed the abundance of God's Grace - *Romans 5:20-21*
 - Jesus Christ showed the infinite love of God.
 - Jesus Christ showed that believers are secure - How can they perish for whom such a sacrifice was made?
2. Those who need grace, those who want to personally know God - *"..Behold the Lamb of God!..."*
 - Those deep in sin - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - Those troubled with affliction - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - Those needing comfort - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - Those needing reviving - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - Those fearful about their soul - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - Those concerned about the future - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
3. Those who need instruction in living a Godly life - *"...Behold the Lamb of God!..."* (*Titus 3:4-8*)
 - Learn how to give - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."* (*2 Corinthians 8:9*)
 - What kind of husband/father one ought to be - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - How to serve God, His Church and His Kingdom - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - How to love one another - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - How to go through difficulties - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."*
 - How to pray - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."* (*Matthew 6:9-13*)
 - How to live - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."* (*"...Thy will be done..."*)
 - How to die - *"...Behold the Lamb of God..."* *"...Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit..."*

II. JESUS MUST BE CONSTANTLY PREACHED, KEEPING HIM ALWAYS PRESENT

1. Jesus Christ ought to be the constant and dominate thought of every believer's heart. (*Colossians 3:1-3*)
2. *Psalm 1:1-3*
3. The one topic which ought to dominate one's thoughts is the Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer.

III. JESUS CHRIST, CRUCIFIED, IS THE GREATEST THOUGHT IN ALL THE WORLD

1. There is nothing, no one to compare with Jesus Christ crucified, for He is:
 - The sum of all truth.
 - The sum of all knowledge.
 - The great creator of all things.
 - The source of spiritual light.
 - The glory of heaven.
2. There is no subject in all the world so vast as "*...Behold the Lamb of God...*"
 - The greatest mystery - God in the flesh, crucified, risen, glorified.
 - The greatest love story - God's love is indescribable.
 - The greatest beauty - God's glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.
 - The greatest science - God's substitution, satisfaction and application.
 - The greatest philosophy - God's forgiveness.
 - The greatest law - God's justice satisfied with His mercy being granted at the same time.
 - *1 Corinthians 1:17-31*

IV. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE NEEDFUL THING FOR EVERY PERSON

1. *Luke 10:42*
2. One can forget many things without any harm and important things without danger, but every person needs Jesus Christ.
 - He is the Bread of life.
 - He is the Water of life.
 - Without Jesus Christ one will die.
 - He is one's faith, doctrine and hope.
 - All without Jesus Christ is hopeless, lifeless and empty.

CONCLUSION:

1. "*...Behold the Lamb of God*" - Trust Him, Worship Him, Love Him.
2. Salvation begins in the experience of "beholding the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ."
3. Salvation is secured in beholding the Lamb of God.
4. Salvation is complete in beholding the Lamb of God.

