

The Lamb of God

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In Genesis chapter 22 God met up with Abraham and asked him to do something that seems unbearable to me as a father. Look what God is asking Abraham to do...

Genesis 22:1-2

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

If we skip down to verse 7 we see where Isaac and his dad had made the 3-day trip, all the way to the place where God had asked Abraham to go. When they got there Isaac had a question for his dad...

Genesis 22:7-8

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

I don't know if you realize it or not but this whole story of Abraham and Isaac was a picture of the coming lamb [Jesus] in the future. If we travel through a couple hundred years of time we will see where the prophet Isaiah again makes mention about a coming lamb. Let's see how he said it...

Isaiah 53:7

He [Jesus] was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

The day finally came. John the Baptist was baptizing people in the Jordan River when he looked up and saw Jesus coming across the field. John turned to his people and said these words in front of all...

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.

Several years went by after this remark was made by John the Baptist; Jesus had already been sacrificed for the sin of the world; He had already gone back to heaven and then Peter tells us the following...

1 Peter 1:18-19

*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were **not** redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

In the next scripture we read how that John was able to get a glimpse of the Lamb when he was on the island. Look what he saw and heard...

Revelation 5:12-13

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Look what else John saw while he was on the Island...(As you know, these things have not yet happened but will happen) This Lamb which willingly went to the cross will be and is the judge of the world.

Revelation 6:15-17

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Every man and woman that has ever breathed will some day stand before the Lamb...

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

There will be people who will forever be tormented with fire and brimstone in the very presence of the Lamb...

Revelation 14:10

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

But for those who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven it is a whole different story...

Revelation 21:22-23

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Revelation 22:1

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

1. The question is will you be there?
2. Are you sure that you are right?
3. What if you were wrong? For all eternity!

The answers to the three questions are not found in our forefathers. They are not found in any mans tradition. They are not found in any church on this earth. They are found in the Bible! That is why I read my Bible. That is why I memorize my Bible. That is why the Bible is my ONLY answer to EVERY question that man has.

The Bible tells us...

- ✓ Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. – **James 1:15**;
- ✓ For the wages [payment] of sin is death – **Romans 6:23a**
- ✓ Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned – **Romans 5:12**

“BUT” the Bible also tells us...

John 11:25

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

- ✓ Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life – **2 Tim. 1:10**
- ✓ The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord – **Romans 6:23b**

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life

Jesus clearly tells us that he is standing at the door right now and he wants to come in. Will you let him in?

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

We are told that some will receive Him and others will not. Which one will you be?

John 1:11-13

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power [the right] to become the sons [children] of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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