

**SERIES: The Christ of Christmas  
“The Lamb of God”  
John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7**

**Big Idea – Jesus Christ as the lamb of God was the perfect sacrifice for our sins.**

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**1. The Old Testament Prophecies of it.**

**Two Kinds of Prophecies in Bible**

**Typical Prophecy - a symbol, picture or type**

To properly understand this we have to go back into the Old Testament and see how God used animal sacrifices, ultimately a lamb, to be a type, a typical prophecy of His Son Jesus Christ who would come and die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

From Genesis 3:21 where God clothed Adam and Eve after their sin of disobedience with furs made from animal skins, to Genesis 22 where God provided the ram as a substitute sacrifice for Isaac, to the Passover where God ordered the Jewish people through Moses to sacrifice a perfect lamb and put the blood on the doorposts, so the death angel would see it and “pass over” their house.

**Literal or Verbal Prophecy – specific statement of Scripture**

Then in Isaiah 53 the prophet foretold how Jesus would be brought as a lamb, a sheep before its shearers

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds.

6 We all have wandered away like sheep; each of us has gone his own way. But the LORD has put on him the punishment for all the evil we have done.

7 He was beaten down and punished, but he didn't say a word. He was like a lamb being led to be killed. He was quiet, as a sheep is quiet while its wool is being cut; he never opened his mouth.

## **2. The New Testament Prophecy & Fulfillment**

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!"

John 3:14, 15 "...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Matthew 26:17 "On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the followers came to Jesus. They said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

18 Jesus answered, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: The chosen time is near. I will have the Passover with my followers at your house.' "

19 The followers did what Jesus told them to do, and they prepared the Passover meal."

Matthew 26:26 "While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it and broke it. Then he gave it to his followers and said, "Take this bread and eat it; this is my body."

27 Then Jesus took a cup and thanked God for it and gave it to the followers. He said, "Every one of you drink this.

28 This is my blood which is the new agreement that God makes with his people. This blood is poured out for many to forgive their sins."

Matthew 26:62 "...the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?"

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

### **Illus. – "THE TWO-HEADED LAMB"**

Dr. H.A. Ironside once shared a story that was the clearest illustration of the Gospel I have ever heard. He said that he was visiting in South Texas and had the opportunity to visit a sheep ranch. While he was there, he spotted what he thought to be a two-headed lamb. He asked the foreman of the ranch, "Why in the world does that lamb have two heads?"

The foreman smiled and said, "You are a city slicker. Let me explain what we did. The other day we had two ewes who gave birth to lambs. One of the ewes died in childbirth and one of the lambs died, also. We took the living lamb and put it in the pen with the living ewe to see if she would nurse. She smelled of the lamb and walked away. It wasn't her own."

"What did you do?" Ironside asked. "Well, we took the coat off of the dead lamb and wrapped it around the living one and put it back in the pen. When the mother smelled the blood of her very own lamb.....she accepted the little lamb and began to nurse."

Dr. Ironside said, "Thank you for sharing with me the greatest picture of the Cross I have ever seen. For without Christ, I am hopeless for eternity. God will not accept me into Heaven on my own works. But, when I stand before Him covered in the blood of His own Son, Jesus.....He accepts me and allows me to be part of His family!"

Jesus became what WE ARE....that we might have what HE IS!

2 Corinthians 5:21: "For he who knew no sin, became sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

1 Peter 2:24 "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.'

