

= SIN

Who takes away the sin of the world

1. First, notice sin is a word that is understood in relationship to Θ



- ☑ Miss the Mark
- ☑ Closely related to transgression

Karl Menninger Whatever became of Sin

So what?

2. Second, when concept of sin is lost you don't lose the problem, **Examples**, you lose the seriousness and proportionality.

☑ Seriousness = when we say you are a sinner, not "bad person" but rebel, justly deserving Θ 's wrath

☑ Proportionality = Society determines what is "bad" + condemns "bad" but Bible "all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of Θ ." Rom 3:23

I have a hard time seeing my sin, owning it!

LAMB of Θ = JESUS is THE MARK

Have you hit it? Externally... Internally...
At every moment?

John is "universal history" (Newbigin) = relevant to every person in every place ▶ LIFE John 20:30

☑ Begins w the testimony of John the Baptist

☑ Not the Messiah, Elijah, or Prophet

☑ "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness 'Make straight the way of the LORD.'"

Is. 40:3ff ▶ forerunner of Yahweh! Cf. vs. 26

= Build up ▶ "Behold the Lamb of Θ ..."

➔ Consider what John has to say to you...
Suspend Disbelief, Investigate

① The REAL Problem of man

Contemporary people haven't fixed themselves or society; we are awash in problems ▶

Sexual abuse/harassment, Political divisions,

Nuclear warfare fears, Terrorism, etc. And

We propose solutions...

☑ Laws ☑ Walls... Welcome

☑ Education ☑ War... Diplomacy

☑ Political change Haven't worked... Lloyd Jones

☑ Medication

WHAT DOES JOHN SAY?

② The Radical ("root") Solution of Θ

☰☰ Behold the LAMB of Θ who takes away the SIN of the world.

1. The LAMB of Θ

☑ LAMBS: unblemished, innocent sacrifice used to atone (cover) sin + propitiate Θ 's wrath.

☑ LAMB of Θ , i.e. Lamb Θ provides Abraham + Isaac on Mount Moriah... Son vs. 34

2. Takes away the Sin of the World

NOT swept under rug, not minimized, not "Scarlett Letter" of shame... BUT Taken away

How

1 Taken away by forgiveness and imputation of Jesus righteousness ► Justification

2 Taken away by Holy Spirit vs. 33 = Sanctification

See! Christian message much darker (realistic) yet hopeful than any other teaching

Do? Both Christian and Seeker = Behold

☑ Behold Lamb lifted high for your sin

☑ Behold your Savior in His beauty...