

**“Waiting for a Substitute”**  
**Series Title: Waiting Again**  
**Scripture: John 1:19-30**  
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**John 1:23 (ESV)** - 23 “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

**John 1:25 (ESV)** - 25 “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

**John 1:26-27 (ESV)** - 26 “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

**John 1:28 (ESV)** - 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**John 1:29-30 (ESV)** - 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’”

**Because Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, look to Him.**

**Will you look to Him today?**

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**1. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_**

A sin offering was required when an individual commits a sin against God unintentionally. A guilt offering is required for specific sins of the law.

**Isaiah 53:4-5, 7 (ESV)** - 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 pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 7 He was oppressed, and he was

afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

**Hebrews 10:1-7 (ESV)** - 1 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

**Hebrews 10:12-14 (ESV)** - 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**1 Corinthians 5:7b (ESV)** - 7b For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

**Revelation 7:17 (ESV)** - 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**Revelation 21:22-23 (ESV)** - 22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

**Will you look to Him?**

**2. Jesus** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 1:29 (ESV)** - 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

**Romans 3:23-25 (ESV)** - 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and

are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

**1 John 2:2 (ESV)** - 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 4:10 (ESV)** - 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**It's a sacrifice that turns away the wrath of God and makes God "propitious" (or favorable) toward us.**

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**God's wrath is the reason why propitiation was necessary.**

**God is the one who makes propitiation.**

**God was the propitiatory sacrifice.**

**Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV)** - 13 He (that's Jesus) has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Jesus is that Lamb.**

**Jesus takes away sin.**

**Jesus is the perfect substitute.**

**He's the perfect substitute for you.**